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### About our authors . . . .

Public opinion polls are becoming increasingly important in politics and elsewhere but **Philip C. Clarke** in "Can Public Opinion Polls Be Trusted?" raises questions about them. A veteran journalist, Phil Clarke has been covering the defense and foreign affairs scene in Washington and abroad for more than two decades. This included 16 years with the Mutual Broadcasting System and 13 years with the Associated Press. He served as bureau chief in Havana and correspondent in Rome, Paris, London, Teheran and the UN. He is presently communications director for the American Security Council.

"Two Flags of Iwo Jima" was written by **Richard Wheeler**, who was a member of the Marine rifle company which raised both of the flags. He was wounded in the action. Mr. Wheeler is the author of nine books dealing with various aspects of American military history, his specialty being the Civil War. A book he is writing titled "Iwo" will be published in March.

**Philip R. Smith, Jr.**, author of "The Story of the Unknowns," has written previously for this magazine and contributes to other national publications. He was formerly with the National Park Service and writes on

ecological and outdoors subjects as well as war-related matters.

"The Good Ship Carnegie," written by **Franklin H. Portugal**, will turn up again in a book being written by Dr. Portugal about the Carnegie Institution of Washington. A scientist-turned-writer, Dr. Portugal has written for other magazines.

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Frank I. Hamilton

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Starting with little more than a determined spirit, high ideals and a common bond with other veterans, these men enlisted more than 800,000 members within a year. Through their concerted efforts, a wide range of veteran's programs were begun.

As the organization grew, it expanded its scope and a variety of social and civic actions were initiated. The Veterans Administration, the G. I. Bill of Rights, the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, employment programs for veterans, baseball and Scouting, Boys State and Boys Nations, Special Olympics and much more were all begun because Legionnaires *told people about their concerns* and persuaded them to donate their time and efforts toward a laudable goal.

These things you already know, and they are things that all veterans should know.

*Unfortunately, they don't.*

A Vietnam veteran recently asked me why he should join The American Legion. As we talked, I told him about our many community service

programs and our programs that help mold our youth into solid, concerned and informed citizens.

I told him about the fun and the work. I explained our concern about the maintenance of a strong defense posture, internal security and veterans rehabilitation. I mentioned some of our great accomplishments of past decades and our continuing concern for veterans of the present.

He talked too, and what he said confirmed something that I had long suspected.

I discovered that he, like many of the younger veterans, knew virtually nothing about our ideals, our on-going work, our goals or our successes. Many of his perceptions about Legionnaires in general and The American Legion in particular were negative and practically all of them were wrong.

Those of you who make it your business to talk to non-member vets whenever and wherever you get the chance know the types of misconceptions I heard. Many of you have frequently taken such an opportunity to correct erroneous impressions and in doing so signed up a new member.

Yet, there are others who are dropping the ball.

Many are not getting the facts about ourselves, our values and concerns, and our organization to the public . . . to the more than 8 million Vietnam era veterans who are eligible for membership.

Too many once-active Legionnaires, members who proudly wore the membership pin to the post and the office, have neglected to tell their communities who and what we are.

The sad irony of our inaction is this: a large number of Vietnam veterans fervently believe in the principles fostered and nourished by our members. They are simply waiting to be asked to join, waiting to be challenged, and waiting to find an organization receptive to their ideas—an organization which will trust them in positions of responsibility and leadership.

We are that organization. I have made it a principal goal of my term as National Commander to insure that every veteran, but especially the Vietnam era veteran, at least hears about the work we are doing in his behalf.

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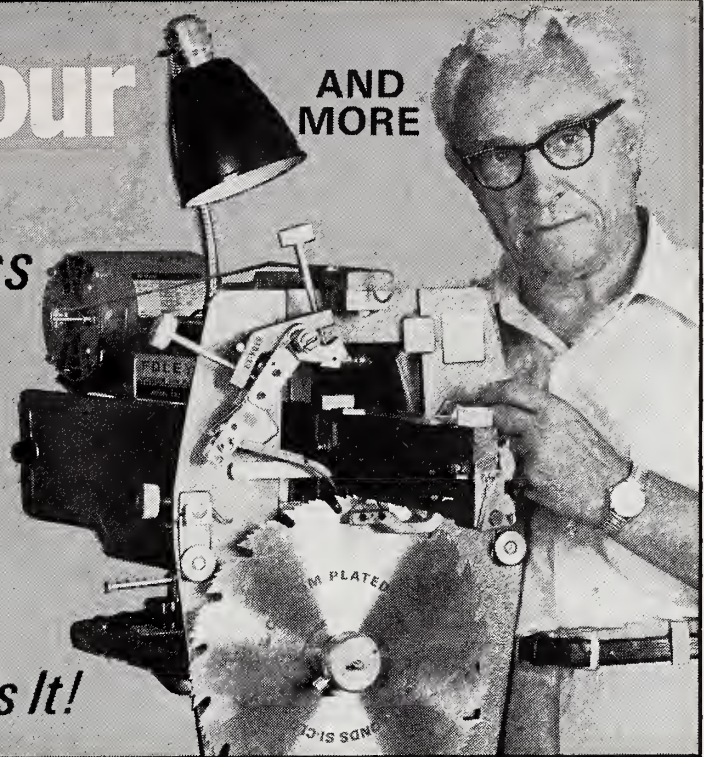


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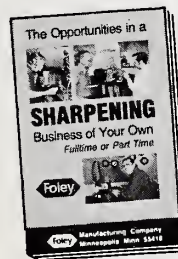


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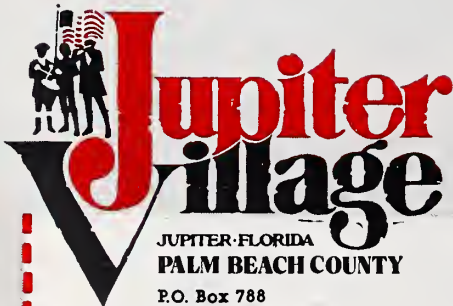
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# Letters

• It has been a long time since an article has so interested me as "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano" (August and September). The subs (our code name *Dark-eyes*) were a great morale factor for the B-29 crews. I recall one docking at Iwo Jima with about 85 rescued crewmen. I found but one error in Capt. Enright's account. The initial attack on the *Empire* on November 25, 1944 was made only by the 73d Bomb Wing flying from Saipan; Tinian and Guam were inoperable at that time.

LAWRENCE REINEKE  
Middletown, N. Y.

• I enjoyed reading "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano" (September). It is obvious to me that the crew of the USS *Archer-Fish* was a group of true heroes. In an era of lessening interest in the military it is good to know that at least one magazine will publish articles of our great military achievements. Being one of the Vietnam conflict, I wonder if you can find an article about a group of heroes who were as effective as the crew of the USS *Archer-Fish*?

TERRY W. JARREAU  
Richmond, Va.

• "Not Easy Come, But Easy Go" (September) is positive proof that our nation is headed for ruin unless drastic changes are made and enforced. Current and anticipated waste of our tax dollars becomes progressively worse. All three branches of government must reverse actions *now*. We must reduce the appetites of *all* taxeaters permanently.

ERNEST L. McLAUGHLIN  
Spartanburg, S. C.

• Your article "The Big Bombers" (September) was fascinating, however some are "alive and well" and still flying. We have attended the air show in Harlingen, Texas for several years where a group of interested flyers feature the big bombers in an exhibition known as "The Confederate Air Force." Even for those who do not remember, these old planes are beautiful and it is a thrill to see them in the air once more—during peacetime.

MRS. GARTH McKESSEY  
Jackson, Mich.

• "What Became of the Big Bombers?" (September) is very well writ-

ten, quite factual and interesting to an old World War II veteran. The war over Germany was the roughest air battle of all. Why didn't they photograph the B-24s and B-17s with any of the crews available, cut out the panels of the missions, names of ships and symbols, then place these along with forms for each ship in a museum? I can't believe anyone who ever flew over Germany in a B-24 or B-17 could possibly cut these great ships into pieces to have their legends destroyed forever.

ROBERT L. CARROLL  
Chapman, KS

• Congratulations on the excellent article "Are We Destroying Our First Line of Defense?" (August). As one who has long been concerned about our nation's defenses and the vulnerability of our system of government to compromise, I have written to my Senator and Congressman to further warn them on this subject. As long as we have organizations such as the American Legion to alert us to the situations that may threaten our national interest, I have confidence we shall never succumb to Communism.

DAVID L. GOTT  
Munster, Ind.

• It was refreshing to read Senator Hayakawa's realistic and unemotional approach to the acute political issue of bilingual education in our schools, "Big Issues" (September). Especially, I appreciate his view of the risks posed by a total bilingual concept in the expeditious and meaningful assimilation of immigrants into American society.

THEODORE F. MARSH  
Gasport, N. Y.

• In your September issue you are in error in stating that Senator John Heinz is a Democrat. He is a Republican and one of the best. Please correct this error in your next issue.

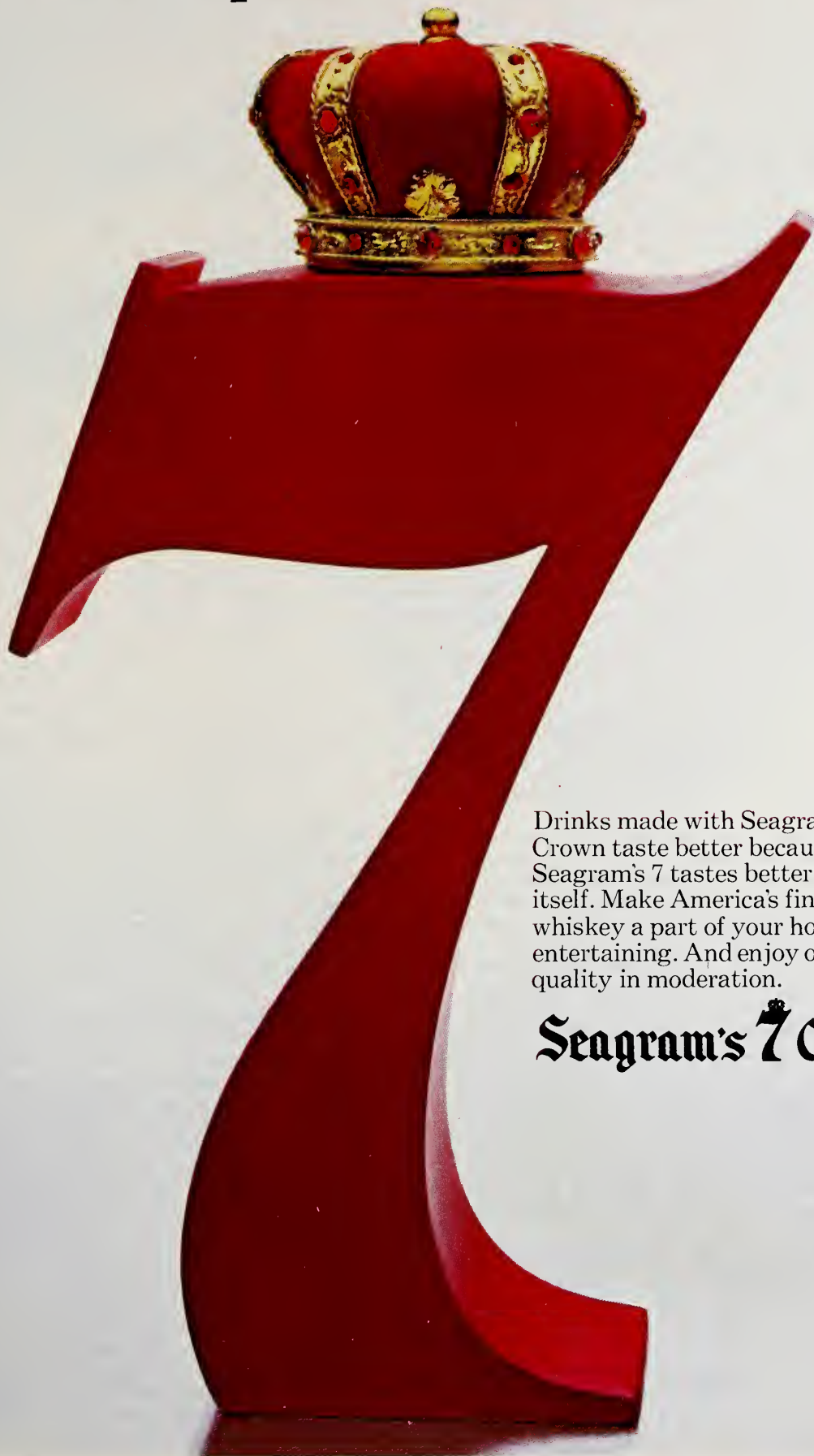
RENO F. PITTINGER  
Carlisle, Pa.

Our apologies for this typographical error.—The Editors

• The limiting of Congressional tenure to 12 years has my vote "Date-line Washington" (July). It's been on my mind a long time. I shall write my views to the Congressional group mentioned. Keep up the good work  
(Continued on page 42)



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# Big Issues

## Should Congress Adopt A Value-Added Tax?



Rep. Al  
Ullman  
(D.-Ore.)

**Yes.** Payroll taxes and income taxes are stretched to the limit. More than half of America's workers pay more payroll taxes than income taxes.

If Congress doesn't act, the maximum social security payroll tax will hit \$1,975 in 1981—\$2,897.52 in 1985. We've got to hold back these tax increases.

But if we roll back social security taxes, how do we pay for growing benefits? We can cut benefits; but few think that's in order. Or we can funnel-in general revenues from the Treasury to make up the shortfall in payroll taxes. But that means a higher deficit—and higher inflation.

There's another way to roll back the payroll tax—and also move us toward a balanced budget. A value-added tax (VAT).

A value-added tax is a small tax applied at each step along the production and distribution line of consumer goods. Take the example of a refrigerator:

A sheet of rolled steel costs \$10 to produce and it is sold to an appliance manufacturer. A VAT of 3 percent (on \$10) is paid at that stage and adds 30 cents to the ultimate cost of the refrigerator. The manufacturing process adds \$150 and another \$4.50 (3 percent x \$150) in VAT is paid. And so on until the refrigerator is sold to the consumer. By that point, the total VAT would have been collected.

A value-added tax will not add to the total tax burden. VAT will be used to *replace* part of the payroll tax or part of the income tax. So, if we want to roll back the payroll tax by \$15 billion, then we would fix the rate of a VAT to raise just enough to replace that shortfall.

The VAT is a tax on consumption—not on income. If you don't buy the product, you don't pay the tax. And the long-range economic effect will draw a lot more money into savings since savings are not subject to a VAT. Revenues from a VAT will make up for a cut in payroll or income taxes (giving you more of your pay to save or invest).

Using a VAT to replace cuts in payroll and income taxes will also encourage business to invest much more of its earnings in plant expansion, better equipment—and more jobs. Cuts in these taxes will help in the long-run fight against inflation.

We've got to find a new source of income to balance our economy. Today's tax system is overloaded. Incentives for individuals to work, save and invest are suffocated under the weight of higher taxes. A value-added tax can shift that load.



Rep. Barber  
Conable  
(R.-N. Y.)

**No.** The value-added tax is neither needed nor desirable as an addition to the many taxes Americans already pay. It is not offered by its proponents as a substitute, replacing some other equally unwelcome tax, but only to reduce the pressure on payroll or income taxes.

This proposed tax is much the same as a sales tax, but it is collected at all levels of product development, from the gathering of

the raw material to sale at the retail level. Each processor files a return showing the total value of the product he has sold and claiming a tax credit for value-added taxes paid by others on the same goods at earlier stages of development. While this allegedly makes the tax self-administering, the increase in the number of returns required is said to have quadrupled the size of the British tax bureaucracy when England went to a modest value-added tax as a condition of her entry into the Common Market.

Other countries do use the value-added tax, but there is not enough advantage in tax uniformity with them to offset the disadvantages of this levy. The tax is not in the American tradition. It is regressive, being based ultimately on consumption rather than ability to pay. It is a hidden tax, and every part of it must be added to the price the ultimate consumer finally pays, not being identified as a portion of the price even though it inflates the price directly at every stage of product manufacture.

Every middleman handling the goods for a profit must add to the total tax collected from the consumer when it is finally sold for use, but the consumer does not know how much tax he is contributing to his government in buying the goods. Politicians like it because it is painless for them, raises large amounts of money and puts the burden of collection on the private sector.

For the American federal system the value-added tax would be very disruptive. Retail sales taxes have been used here by states and municipalities in varying degree, but a federal value-added tax of significant percentage (the French tax necessities at more than 20 percent, luxuries at more than 30 percent) would preempt such local sales taxes, increasing dependence of the lower levels of government on some form of federal aid or requiring them to use other types of taxation more heavily. The whole tax system would become more regressive, more centralized, more complicated.

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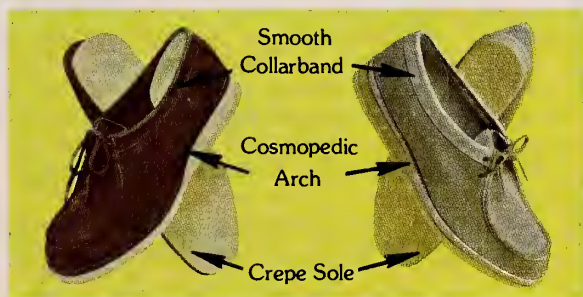


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- Present your purchase agreement (or its equivalent) to get a refund or replacement checks. This paper, which you get when you buy the checks, should have the serial numbers of the checks you purchased. Incidentally, always carry this document separately from the checks themselves so that you won't be totally wiped out.
- Your reimbursement will be 100 percent for ordinary amounts. However, if your loss runs into sizable figures, you may get only a partial refund initially.
- If there isn't an agent or office in the city where the loss took place, phone for advice. This also applies to weekend or holidays when offices normally are closed. Chances are something will be worked out to tide you over.

Also note: Institutions issuing travelers checks (a business estimated at \$25 billion annually) are becoming much more customer-conscious as competition heats up—particularly now that Master Charge and Visa are about to enter.

## Important News For E-Bond Holders

If you still own E-bonds purchased between May 1941 and April 1952, remember that they will begin expiring on their 40th birthdays starting in May 1981. So start planning now how you will minimize federal income taxes on the accumulated interest. You have two main options:

1. Convert the dying E's into HH bonds, which pay the same rate of interest (6½ percent). This switch will enable you to escape income taxes altogether on your gains. However: The HH's automatically pay interest semi-annually, meaning you'll be taxed on that; also, the smallest HH denomination is \$500, so you may have to add some cash to make the minimum, or else pay taxes on the tag ends of the conversion.
2. You can cash the E's for good and put your money into securities paying a much higher rate of interest (certificates of deposit or money-market certificates, for example). Of course, in that case you're liable for federal taxes on the E-bond gains. But with careful figuring you likely can space your E-bond cash-ins so that you won't be driven into a higher tax bracket.

## Energy Saving Tips For Homeowners

Some reminders to help you cut your fuel bills this winter:

**Insulation:** Don't buy solely on thickness or price. A better measure is the "R" value of the material—i.e., its resistance to temperature changes (the higher the "R" rating, the more effective the insulation). Incidentally, beginning this month the Federal Trade Commission is requiring manufacturers to state the "R" value of their products on labels and in advertising.

**Fireplaces:** Usually more decorative than efficient. If you have one, it's a good idea to get a glass (or equivalent) screen to avoid excessive leakage of heat up the flue, especially when the temperature edges toward zero.

**Oil Burners:** It will pay you to have the efficiency of your burner unit checked. Old units often can be wasteful guzzlers. New ones cost around \$250.

**Wood:** Be sure you know what the seller means by "cord." A standard cord is 8 x 4 x 4 ft. (128 cu. ft.). Some vendors, though, will try to get away with 8 x 4 x 3 ft. Also insist that the wood is well dried—otherwise you're paying for too much water and inviting heavy creosote buildup in your flue. Best buys: Hickory, apple, oak, hard maple, beech, birch, ash and cherry. Worst buys: Cedar, spruce, pine, soft maple, box elder and cottonwood.

By Edgar A. Grunwald



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# Dateline Washington

## United Nations: Frankenstein Monster

The United States took the initiative in creating the United Nations out of the Allied victory in World War II. There was hope that the UN would find peaceful ways to deal with war-generating issues. Our optimism was unbounded. To persuade Russia to join, we gave the U.S.S.R. three votes, against one for every other member country.

Our confidence in the UN continued into the Korean war, when we out-maneuvered Russia and obtained UN support for our efforts to halt the expansionist aims of North Korea. Since then, our dream has turned to dust, as Russia and her Red satellites, together with the "third world" countries (including the major oil exporters), have taken over control of UN policies. Even our allies in Europe and Latin America have deserted us on key votes in deference to the Arab oil countries.

As a result, there's been a resentment in Congress against the UN's anti-U.S. actions. This feeling has been demonstrated by increasing efforts in Congress to reduce our financial contributions to UN activities. Today, there's also a low but rising murmur in Congress calling for U.S. withdrawal from the UN where only our veto power in the Security Council prevents our complete rout in the organization the U.S. founded nearly 25 years ago.

## Pressures for A Shorter Work Week

Two separate movements in Washington could converge to establish a shorter work week in the United States, possibly as early as 1980 or soon thereafter.

One bloc would amend present legislation covering workers of employers in operations under contract to our government so as to require a 10-hour 4-day work week, instead of the 8-hour 5-day week. Proponents argue that the shorter work week, already being tried in some industries, would save energy for the plants, gasoline for the employees and increase lagging productivity.

A second group would reform the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which sets up the 40-hour week, plus time-and-a-half pay for overtime work, so as to limit the work week to 35 hours plus double-time for overtime pay. This move, its champions claim, would spread employment and boost productivity.

A squeeze on energy and jobs, coming together, could bring Congressional conservatives and liberals together on this issue.

## Bomb "Taggants" for Terrorists?

Just about everybody in Washington is against terrorism, so there's strong support for the Omnibus Anti-terrorism Act of 1979 pending in Congress. But there's nonetheless a hot dispute over what to do about bombings, which as a rule dispose of the evidence along with the victims.

Under terms of the bill, "taggants" would be required for all bombs and explosives. "Taggants" are coded microparticles which would be added to the explosive as a means of detecting and identifying the terrorist or gangster who planted the bomb. Proponents say the "taggants" would help identify the ultimate buyer of the explosive or bomb.

The opposition, however, insists that the cost of the "taggants" to the manufacturers—and eventually to the lawful utilizers of explosives—would be extreme, as much as \$703 million a year, as against the \$40 million estimated by supporters of the proposal. In addition, some legislators feel that sophisticated terrorists would simply use unmarked explosive materials for their bombs.

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## PEOPLE & QUOTES

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**Work Ethic Reps**—"Immigrants represent a work ethic some feel may have been lost in this country. They are the people who believe most in the American dream." **Leonel J. Castillo**, former head of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

**U.S. Promise to Red China**—"Despite the sometimes profound differences between our two systems, we are committed to joining with you to advance our many-paralleled strategic and bilateral interests..." Vice President **Walter Mondale**.

**On Fear of Radiation**—"The fear instilled by radioactivity today is akin to the fear of electricity, following the invention of the electric light bulb—yet electricity has helped to transform man's life from a short one of drudgery to one where long life and higher aspirations can be realized." **Adm. Hyman G. Rickover**.

**Where Caring Counts**—"In government, too often you're measured by how much you seem to care, how hard you seem to try—things that do not necessarily improve the human condition." **Donald Rumsfeld**, industrialist and ex-Sec'y of Defense.

**A Case of Fief Fever**—"The major problem in government is the buildup of fiefdoms, the burgeoning bureaucracy..." Mayor **Ed Koch**, New York City.

**Corporate Responsibility**—"Corporations that control the use of socially important assets have the responsibility to use those assets in a way that makes social sense." **Kenneth Mason**, president, Quaker Oats.

**Meeting U.S. Energy Needs**—"The amount which we can save in the next decade... will almost certainly dwarf the amount we can produce from new sources during the same period." **John H. Gibbons**, director, Office of Technology Assessment.

**Cases Too Complex for Jury?**—"It borders on cruelty to draft people to sit for long periods trying to cope with issues largely beyond their grasp." Chief Justice **Warren Burger**.

**Our Energy Future Bleak**—"Quite bluntly, unless we achieve the greater use of coal and nuclear power over the next decade, this society may just not make it." **James Schlesinger**, former Energy Sec'y.

**Waiting for Executioner**—"We've got people waiting to be executed who have been in the penitentiary for six to eight years. There ought to be a finality somewhere down the line. The length of appeals makes a mockery of the entire judicial system..." Chief Justice **H. E. Nichols**, Ga.

**U.S. versus U.S.S.R.**—"...If we drop our guard, if we give them the perception that they have a distinct military advantage over us, then I think the world will become a pretty dangerous place." **Malcolm Toon**, U.S. Ambassador to the U.S.S.R.



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# Can Public Opinion Polls Be Trusted?

**Not always . . . some pollsters do more than gauge public opinion—they create it!**

By Philip C. Clarke

The publisher of a nationally circulated magazine once decided to commission a public opinion poll to determine what readers liked most to read. Interviewed for the contract, one pollster asked: "What do you want to prove?"

He didn't get the job. But there's a growing suspicion among many

Americans that those polls don't always tell the truth. And arguments are breaking out among the pollsters themselves as to who is getting at the truth and who is not—and why not.

Whether by design or by accident—or by asking faulty or loaded questions—some of the so-called "scientific" surveys appear to be giving false impressions on how the



public really feels about various issues.

A case in point involves SALT II, the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Early this year, an NBC/AP poll asked a "scientifically selected" cross-section of the public: "Do you favor or oppose a new agreement between the U.S. and Russia which would limit nuclear weapons?"

Eighty-one percent said they favored an agreement.

Proclaimed a headline in the *Washington Post*: "81 PERCENT IN THE U.S. BACK NEW SALT IN POLL."

But do they?

As the debate over SALT II got down to details, other pollsters have questioned people about specific terms of the treaty. And the answers they received were dramatically different, indicating widespread skepticism and even opposition.

Not long after Louis Harris reported that 72 percent of the American people "favor... the U.S. and Russia coming to a new SALT arms agreement," another independent polling organization, Decision/Making/Information, found that 81 percent were opposed to any agreement which "does not cover certain types of Soviet bombers and missiles which could strike the U.S."

The DMI survey was commissioned by the Coalition for Peace Through Strength, a bipartisan alliance that includes 205 members of Congress. It promptly announced that the poll showed most people oppose SALT II when questioned about the treaty's terms. As the Coalition pointed out, SALT II fails to count Russia's new supersonic "Backfire" bombers and does not restrict several hundred Soviet SS-20 "intermediate" range missiles which could swiftly be upgraded into ICBM's targeted on the U.S. by the simple addition of a third stage.

DMI also determined that 63.7 percent were opposed to any arms agreement that is not fully verifiable. Responsible experts have agreed that there is no way the U.S. can be completely sure the Soviets are complying with all provisions of SALT II, especially since the loss of our two monitoring stations in northeastern Iran. And there's nothing in the

treaty that allows on-site inspection, something the Soviets always have refused.

Furthermore, DMI reported that 68.9 percent of the Americans polled were opposed to any agreement not providing for the deployment of anti-missile defense systems to protect U.S. cities and industrial centers. The U.S. dismantled its only ABM system in 1975 and has no provisions to deploy anti-missile defenses such as those now protecting Moscow.

According to Dr. Gary Lawrence, DMI vice president, "Attitudes bearing on SALT II are varied and complex. To fully understand America's posture toward the treaty, more must be asked of the public than simple 'yes' or 'no' questions. Some of our colleagues in the survey-re-

### **"That polls can't predict future behavior is good to keep in mind" as the 1980 elections approach.**

search profession have drawn conclusions that their data do not justify."

Lawrence contends that to ask people whether or not they are in favor of arms control is like asking if they're for "motherhood and apple pie."

He also disputes the use of what he calls "question intensifiers." "To draw a certain conclusion," says Lawrence, "one well-known pollster advanced this agree-disagree statement: 'At a time when it's possible for the U.S. and Russia to blow each other up with nuclear weapons, it is vital for the two countries to reach an agreement.' Eighty-five percent agreed.

"There followed this statement: 'Refusal by the U.S. Senate to ratify a new SALT arms agreement could lead to a serious nuclear arms build-up both in this country and in Russia, which could bring us dangerously close to a nuclear war.' Sixty-seven percent agreed.

"From these two responses, the pollster concluded that Americans feel there are 'powerful reasons' for favoring a SALT II agreement. Actually, the 'reasons' were injected into the agree-disagree statements by the pollster. Intensifiers can be a

legitimate technique; they just haven't been properly used in this context."

As the SALT II debate gathered momentum, the Committee on the Present Danger, another private, non-partisan organization favoring a strong national defense posture, expressed "puzzlement" over recent polls claiming overwhelming public support for SALT II.

"Inspection of the actual polling questions," it said, "revealed that the respondents were being asked whether they favored the concept of arms limitation without reference to any of the specific provisions of the actual treaty under negotiation."

In other words, says the Committee, the answers depended on the questions and how they were worded.

So, instead of asking a simple "yes," "no" or "don't know" question, the Committee got the respected New York polling firm, George Fine Research, Inc., to go into more detail. Its primary question was put this way:

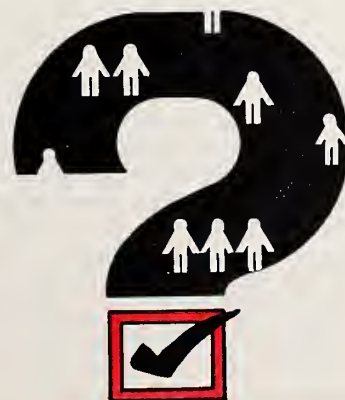
"The United States is now negotiating a strategic arms agreement with the Soviet Union in what is known as 'SALT TWO.' Which ONE of the following statements is closest to your opinion on these negotiations:

"I strongly support SALT II (8.3 percent said yes).

"SALT II is somewhat disappointing, but on balance, I would have to support it (11.7 percent).

"I would like to see more protection for the U.S. before I would be ready to support SALT II (41.7 percent).

"I strongly oppose the SALT II  
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# Two Flags of Iwo Jima



PHOTO: LOU LOWERY

*Marines of the 5th Division after landing. Mt. Suribachi is in background.*

## A look at one of the most dramatic episodes of WWII as its 35th anniversary approaches

By Richard Wheeler

It was the dawn of D-plus Two on Iwo Jima, February 21, 1945. The 4th and 5th Marine Divisions had established their beachhead and had won possession of about one-fourth of the island, its entire triangle-shaped southern end, except for Mount Suribachi, which made up its extreme southern tip. An extinct volcano that had been turned into a fortress, Suribachi was about 550-feet high, dome-shaped, and ash-colored, with some ragged patches of green about its base. Though cut off from Japanese forces in the north, the fortress stood supreme.

The task of taking Suribachi belonged to the 28th Marines, 5th Division. While the other Marines on Iwo were beginning the attack northward, this regiment, commanded by Colonel Harry B. Liversedge, faced southward, its lines stretching across the island from shore to shore, the distance only 700 yards at this point.

The regiment had spent two days fighting to get into this position, and was now dug-in only a few hundred yards from the volcano's base. The left half of the line was wholly in open sand, while the right half threaded through patches of scrubby subtropical vegetation. The terrain leading to the volcano was a wasteland of sand, broken rocks, and extensions of the stunted brush.

At this distance, Suribachi loomed ponderously. Its flanks and rear dropped directly to the sea, but its nearer base held a 1300-yard semicircle of bunkers, pillboxes, mortar pits, spider traps, caves, tunnels, trenches, and other defenses. Though the volcano was honeycombed with caves and tunnels all the way to its summit, the belt at its base comprised its real strength. Some of the defenses had been smashed by naval gunfire, but hundreds were still operable. The Japanese garrison numbered about 1,800 men under Colonel Kanehiko Atsuchi, and they were prepared to fight to the death. The

island's top commander, Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi, had ordered them to make Suribachi their tomb, killing as many Marines as they could in the process.

It was important to every American on Iwo that the volcano be taken quickly, for it was a key position, commanding not only the landing beach but about two-thirds of the island, and functioning not only as a fortress but as an observation post.

As dawn broke the Suribachi sector was relatively quiet, only a few exchanges of small arms fire sounding along the front. But a storm was about to break, the Marines having been ordered to make a frontal assault across the wasteland directly into the volcano's belt of defenses.

The action began with a bombardment. Augmenting the regiment's artillery and mortar fire were shells and rockets from destroyers and gunboats lying off Suribachi's flanks. Amid a steady rumble, the ashen dome gave off puffs of smoke and clusters of debris. Climaxing the





*As the first flag was raised, this picture was taken by Staff Sgt. Lou Lowery of Leatherneck Magazine.*



*This rare picture shows the original being replaced hours later by . . .*



*A larger flag which was photographed by Joe Rosenthal of the AP.*

effort, forty carrier-based aircraft roared in and made bombing and strafing runs. Then the planes darted away across the water, and it was time for the Marines to attack.

Tanks to support them were sup-

posed to be moving up from the rear, but not a tank was in sight. These important machines had been delayed by refueling and rearming problems. Their coming was not awaited. At 8:25 the Marines began

climbing from their holes and moving forward, expressions grim and weapons at the ready, the riflemen having fixed their bayonets. The attack was being made with the regiment's second battalion on the left, its third battalion in the center, and its first battalion on the right.

For a few moments the hulking fortress was still. Then the Japanese began to react. First came the crack of rifles and the chatter of machine guns, their bullets snapping and whining. Mortar shells followed, blanketing the wasteland with roaring funnels of steel, sand, and shattered rock. Marines began falling, and the cry, "Corpsman! Corpsman!" was heard in many places. But the advance continued, soon reaching the outer ring of defenses. Some of the first Japanese encountered were in open trenches, and these were routed with small arms fire and grenades.

The mutually supporting bunkers and pillboxes were another matter, and the advance stalled before their murderous fire. Fortunately the tanks soon came lumbering forward and helped knock them out. Also supporting the rifle companies were rocket sections, halftracks, howitzers, 37-millimeters, and ships near shore.

As the attack inched forward, it was accompanied by a sustained din: the shouts and curses of excited men, together with calls for aid from the wounded and dying; the rattle of machine guns and rifles; and the crash of shells, rockets, demolitions, and hand grenades. Only the flamethrowers performed in anything like a quiet manner, going into action

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**"Heavily laden with weapons and ammunition, the men climbed slowly..."**



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# The Story of the Unknowns



*An Old Guard sentry keeps a silent vigil at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.*

**How three of our honored dead found a final place of rest**

**By Philip R. Smith Jr.**

There is an empty crypt beneath the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, that may never have an occupant.

To date the Armed Services Graves Registration Office has been unable to designate an Unknown Soldier for the Vietnam War to join his comrades from World Wars I and II and the Korean War, the reason being that all dead from that war have been identified.

After the Korean War, about 1,100 members of the Armed Forces were unidentified. After World War II, 8,500 Americans were unidentified. After World War I, however, there was no problem in selecting honored dead from among the tens of thousands of Americans who could not be identified.

In September of 1921, a Presidential Proclamation was issued, reading in part, "Whereas the Congress of the United States, by a concurrent resolution adopted on the fourth day of March, last, authorized the Secretary of War to cause to be brought to the United States, the body of an American, who was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, who lost his



*OLYMPIA receives the body of World War I Unknown.*



life during the World War and whose identity has not been established, for burial in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia."

At two minutes after 8 o'clock on the morning of November 11, 1921, a bugler sounded the call "attention" across the plaza of the Capitol of the United States. Mounted cavalymen snapped out their sabers, infantry came to present arms, officers saluted and the colors were lowered as the band played a funeral dirge.

Down the steps of the Capitol borne on the shoulders of specially picked enlisted men came the coffin bearing the remains of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. As the casket was placed on the artillery caisson that was to bear it on its last journey, the band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

At approximately 8:30, the caisson began its journey to the final destination of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery. The procession accompanying the caisson was made up of units of infantry, a machine gun company, a composite naval detachment led by Marines followed by a battalion of seamen, field artillery and cavalry.

Just behind the caisson walked the President of the United States, the Vice-President, General Pershing, wearing only his Victory Medal, members of the Supreme Court and the Diplomatic Corps, Medal of Honor Winners, Senators, Congressmen and scores of other distinguished Americans and representatives of foreign governments.

Ailing former President Woodrow Wilson and his wife, both wearing poppies in their lapels, rode in a carriage. The solemn crowd that lined the route broke their silence to applaud the Wilsons.

The pallbearers selected to carry the casket of the Unknown represented the Infantry, Cavalry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery and the Engineers.

Heading the list of enlisted men was Sergeant Samuel Woodfill who had been promoted to Captain during World War I and had received the Medal of Honor for wiping out three German machine gun nests.

**"It seemed God raised my hand . . . as I placed a spray of roses on that casket."**

First Sergeant Harry Taylor, representing the Cavalry, had been cited in the General Orders for his participation in the battles at St. Mihiel, the Meuse Argonne and along the Scheldt in Belgium. Sergeant Thomas D. Saunders, chosen to represent the Engineers, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for entering the village of Jaulny in the Argonne ahead of the rest of the 2d Division with which he was serving and together with one other man, taking 63 prisoners.

First Sergeant Louis Razga, representing the Coast Artillery, had been wounded just two days before the Armistice. Staff Sergeant James W. Dell, representing the Field Artillery, had been cited in the General Orders

of the 2d Division for gallantry in action.

*The Washington Star* of that day said of the ceremonies, "Under the somber skies of feather-like clouds through which only a streak of a sunbeam pierced here and there a nation-government and its citizens gathered to participate in the tribute of an appreciative people to a soldier unknown, selected to typify heroes of the United States in the World War. Along historic Pennsylvania Avenue lined with thousands of reverent persons in silent tribute, and escorted by the Chief Executive of the nation, the only two living former Presidents and the leaders of the country, the body was borne from the Capitol to Arlington National Cemetery."

Arriving at the cemetery, the Unknown was placed upon a catafalque in the amphitheater just behind his final resting place. A simple but impressive funeral featured the conferring upon the Unknown of the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. In his speech, President Harding said of the Unknown Soldier, "This American soldier went forth to battle with no hatred for any people in the world, but hating war and hating the purpose of every war for conquest. He cherished our national rights and abhorred the threat of armed domination; and in the maelstrom of destruction and suffering and death he fired his shot for liberation of the captive conscience of the world. In advancing toward his objective was somewhere a thought of a world reawakened, and we are here to testify undying gratitude and reverence for that thought of a wider freedom."

At the conclusion of the ceremonies representatives of Allied nations that had fought beside the United States in World War I conferred upon the Unknown Soldier their highest military decorations.

After the presentations the casket preceded by clergy, the President and other dignitaries was borne to

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*Pall bearers carry the body of the World War II Unknown to the C-130 which carried him on the first leg of the journey home.*





*Under billowed sail, Carnegie was as impressive as she was important to man's research on the seas.*

By Franklin H. Portugal

Andrew Carnegie, the legendary ironmaker, once paid \$100,000 for a yacht that he later refused to see launched and never sailed on. A ship devoid of all iron—even nails—was not to Carnegie's liking. Yet, by the time World War I ended, Carnegie had come to regard his namesake as one of his greatest contributions to America.

The story of the ship *Carnegie* begins in America at the turn of the century. In 1902, Andrew Carnegie created a stir by donating 10 million dollars to aid American science. The Carnegie Institution of Washington, Carnegie promised, "would promote original research and discover the exceptional man."

Thousands of requests for part of this money soon poured in and among them was one from Louis Agricola Bauer, a 37-year-old scientist. He was just the sort of fellow that Carnegie had in mind, for what Bauer lacked in stature, he more than

# The Good Ship Carnegie

**A pioneer in the study of electrodynamics, she met a tragic end**

made up for in imagination and willingness to undertake prodigious tasks.

Bauer was descended from good German stock, although his parents had fled Germany around 1848 because the family had sympathized with the revolution.

In 1902, Bauer held the position of Chief of the Division of Terrestrial Magnetism at the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, despite his relative youth. Yet, he had already graduated from the University of Cincinnati, earned a Ph.D. from the University of Berlin, and had become both the editor and proprietor of the international scientific quarterly *Terrestrial Magnetism and Electricity*.

Bauer's fame came from his instituting a system of magnetic surveys of America from coast to coast that significantly aided navigation on both land and water. Working for the government prevented Bauer from extending his work beyond these borders.

Bauer dreamed of traveling around



the world and sizing up the physical forces (such as magnetism and electricity) of our planet. And to do so, he wanted a ship.

Bauer soon learned that the work would require an extraordinary ship, because rented wooden ships contained nails and other magnetic iron objects that bedeviled the sensitive instruments being carried. But it took three long years filled with threats and pleas before the Institution caved in before Bauer's persistent demands for a better boat.

At last, on June 12, 1909, as bagpipers played Scottish ditties in honor of the absent Andrew Carnegie, Bauer's daughter launched the *Carnegie*.

This was a remarkable 600-ton ship, her timbers held together by wooden pegs instead of iron nails. From sailor's knives to anchors, from boat davits to cooking ranges, every metal item was specially made and contained instead of iron only inert copper and bronze. Two bronze-and-glass observatories on deck housed the scientific instruments which, went one rumor, would not be affected by sailors with "iron constitutions" because such sailors would not be hired.

Nor would the instruments detect the novel engine that the ship carried just in case the wind died down altogether, for it too contained only inert metals. The explosive nature of gasoline persuaded Bauer to have coal used as the fuel, and the ship carried 30 tons in her bunkers.

Measuring the magnetic and electric forces of the Earth was the *Carnegie's* main scientific mission.

The *Carnegie* carried various devices such as sextants and chronometers for precise navigation; barometers, thermometers, and sling psy-



*She had a salty-looking crew, but each played an important role on The Good Ship Carnegie.*

chrometers for studying the weather; surgical instruments, office equipment, and even a 1,200-book library.

From October, 1909 to November, 1921, the *Carnegie* combined scholarship with scares in six worldwide voyages.

Always, the crew's most anxious hours came about from the unleashed fury of the sea. A typhoon once

### Devoid of iron, *Carnegie* even rejected sailors with "iron constitutions."

drove the ship off course continuously, at speeds of nine knots under bare poles, for 17 hours at a stretch. When she reached the South Atlantic Ocean, howling gales—half of them reaching hurricane force—greeted her for 52 separate days.

A different danger grew out of the monotony of living for a long time aboard a cramped ship with a small group of men. "You began to dislike other people in spite of yourself," recalls a former crew member, Oscar Torreson. To help relieve this tension, Capt. James Percy Ault frequently gave the men much-needed shore leave.

Ault, who commanded the bulk of the *Carnegie's* voyages, had grown up on the plains of Kansas, but now considered the pitching deck of the ship as his real home. Ault possessed more than just the skills for sailing a large ship—he also held a degree in physics from Baker University in Kansas, and had almost

30 scientific papers to his credit.

Furthermore, Ault's charm and natural leadership provided the mortar that kept the disparate crew of sailors and scientists together. "Ault", said Scott Forbush who sailed with him, "was the ideal man for that job . . . . He worked hard, he had a good time, and in the process nobody lost their great respect for him."

Yet, even then, unexpected dangers were found lurking behind the breakwater of many a harbor visited by the ship. Sailors often deserted and, if others couldn't be found, the ship had to sail away dangerously short-handed. In some exotic ports, sudden outbreaks of deadly plague would haunt the *Carnegie* while fresh supplies were quickly brought aboard.

And once, in Rio de Janeiro, a naval mutiny on a nearby Brazilian ship, caught the *Carnegie* unaware with her sails down and repairs underway. Murderous cross-fire broke out between the shore batteries and the mutineers and the hapless crew could only watch as shells landed on the deck of their ship. Total disaster was averted when a British ship towed the *Carnegie* out of range.

Despite these many hazards, the *Carnegie* survived. One voyage brought her within record sailing distance of the North Pole; on another, she became the first ship to sail around the South Atlantic in a single season. From the tip of South America to Iceland and from New Zealand to the Aleutian Islands, the exploits of the *Carnegie* appeared in print and captured public attention.

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*An early victim of improved technology, Carnegie exploded while refueling on Nov. 29, 1929 in the harbor at Apia.*





# Turkeys from Heaven

By Gerald A. Willey

**On that frigid Thanksgiving Day atop Eagle's Nest, hot turkey was indeed a Godsend**

Friendly artillery flashed in the north. After the flashes came the noise of the explosions that propelled the shells through the November blackness.

Then, the very flashes seemed to explode as the sound traveled back to the ruins of an old Korean village where I stood guard around the company command post. Flares shattered open, sputtered slowly, burned furi-

ously and died amid the steadily streaming orange-red arches of heavy caliber tracer bullets as they sped toward enemy positions.

I could not help but hear the noise of the battle even though I danced on one foot and then on the other to drive out the coldness in my legs and toes. After a few months with an infantry division in Korea a soldier soon learned how to keep warm. War seemed real, yet unreal when I thought of the big Thanksgiving meal we were going to be served the next day.

"I hear the cooks are staying up all night to fix our Thanksgiving dinner," said one soldier before I left the guard bunker for my tour of duty.

"Yeah," another answered him, "they're fixing dressing, gravy, and everything like we do back home."

With the anticipation of the feast on the coming day, guard duty didn't seem to be such a great task that night. But I remembered my two buddies who were stationed atop the frigid Eagle's Nest, a lonely mountain lookout, to watch for approaching enemy aircraft.

Relieved from guard duty only at intervals of several days, the two spotters took turns in keeping a 24-hour watch for the enemy. Their companions were only a few birds and mice who sought crumbs dropped from Army rations. I knew how much the two men looked forward to the day they could return to their company, talk with buddies, and eat hot chow.

I shifted my rifle to my other arm and peered into the darkness. My buddies on the mountain top wouldn't get any Thanksgiving dinner I said to myself. They would have to eat cold C-rations. How I wished they could enjoy the same meal of turkey and dressing that I would have the next day. I could almost smell the turkey cooking and hear the men forming for the chow line when my relief arrived and took over my post.

Walking back to the guard house to get some sleep, I met the company first sergeant. He told me to report to a helicopter pilot on the airstrip at 11:00 o'clock in the morning.

When I arrived at the landing space a pilot was checking a "chopper". He told me the mission: We were going to take Thanksgiving

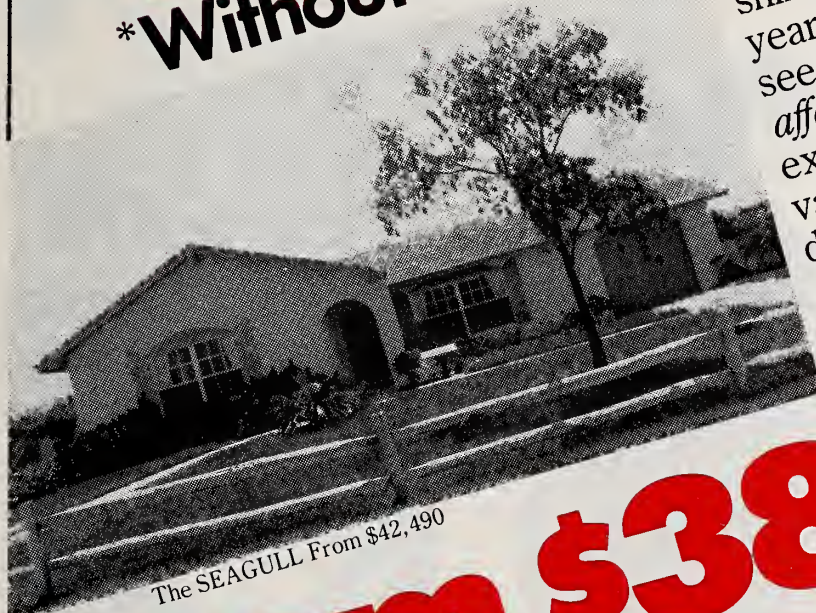
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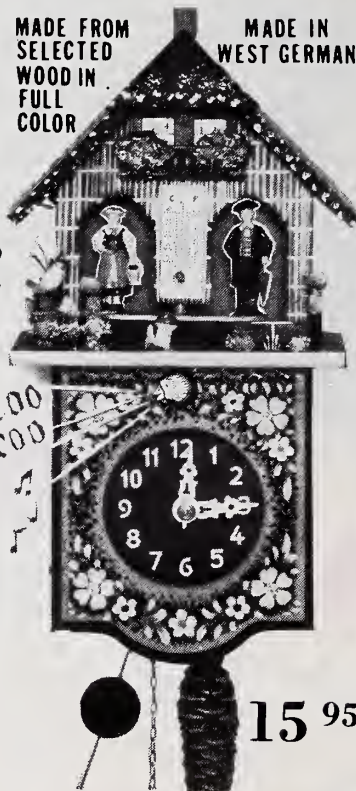


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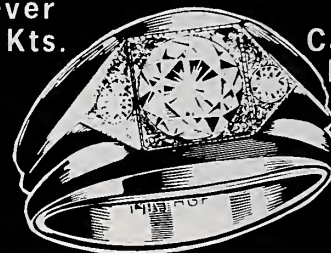


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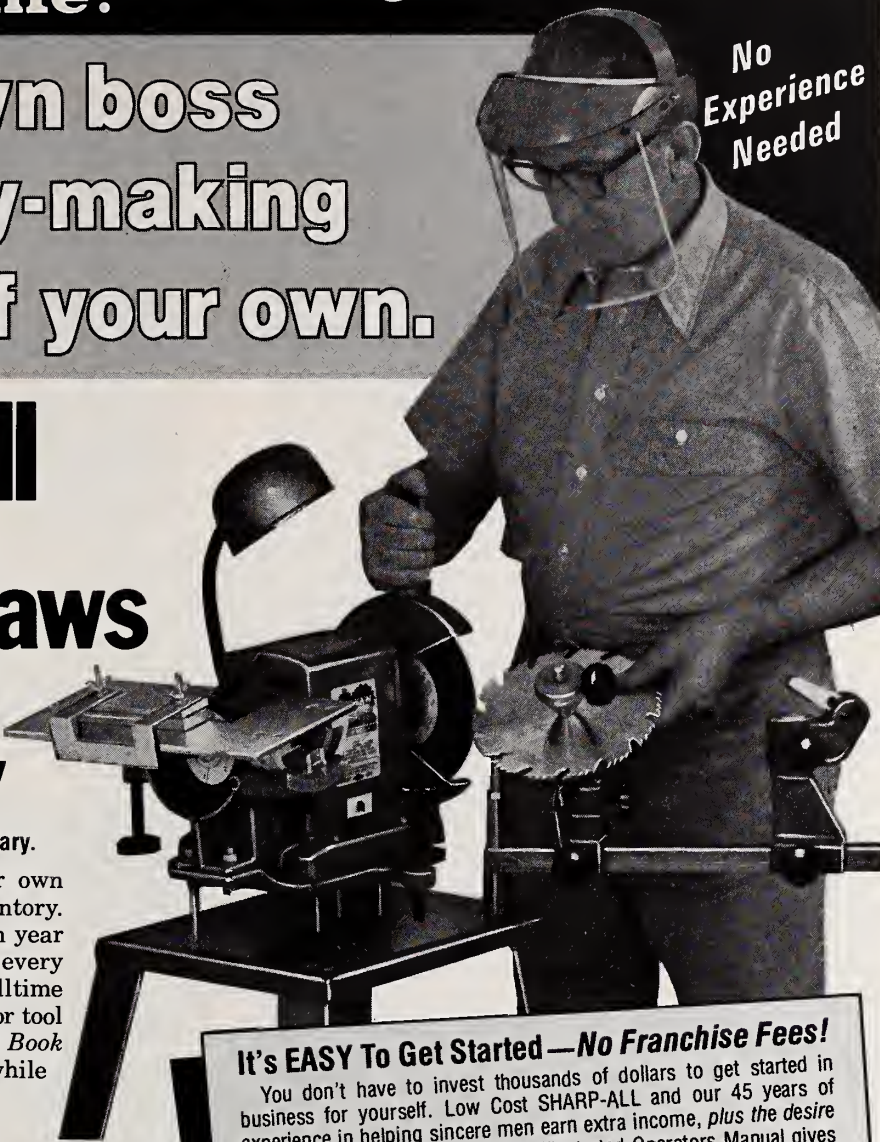
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NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS DAY TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 14TH. Coordinated annually by the VA Voluntary Service Central Office, the salute serves a four-fold purpose: to pay tribute to the thousands of veterans hospitalized each year; to promote a continuing awareness of the plight of these Americans; to broaden community involvement in volunteer work at VA medical facilities; and to encourage Americans of all ages to participate as hospital volunteers year-round . . . Sponsored by "No Greater Love," a national humanitarian organization, and the P.O.W. returnees of the Southeast Asian conflict, the salute has been held annually since 1974 . . . The program became an official VA function in 1979.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM. Designed to increase officer strength in the Reserve Components by making unit membership available to Army ROTC cadets, and by permitting men and women enlisted in Reserve units to simultaneously enroll in Advance Course ROTC, the program is called the ROTC Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) . . . It changes previous policy which did not allow an individual to participate in both programs at the same time . . . SMP does have some limitations. For example, students on ROTC scholarships are not eligible for simultaneous membership . . . The Army anticipates high acceptance of the program by college students already in the Army ROTC program, but priority for acceptance into SMP is being given to eligible Reservists and civilians with prior military service.

COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS BOOKS AVAILABLE . . . "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" tells what the benefits are, who is eligible, and how to apply . . . VA says that, while there are many publications describing individual agency programs, this one gives an overview and cites procedures for people who have not previously used VA services . . . The book is available for \$1.50 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

THE HERBERT HOOVER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY IS SEARCHING FOR LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE . . . "No Hoover letter is unimportant to us," said the library's

director. "There are hundreds still in private hands and we would like to borrow them to make copies." . . . Legionnaires who own authentic Hoover letters, notes or mementoes are asked to send the original or a copy to: Thomas T. Thalker, Library Director, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, Iowa 52358.

SENATOR GORDON HUMPHREY (R-N.H.) RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE . . . Twelve N.H. vets will sit on the council and advise the Senator on issues of concern to them . . . Senator Humphrey expects to meet with the council on a regular basis so he will be better able to suggest possible legislation or comment on issues of importance to veterans in his role as a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee.

THE AIR FORCE MUSEUM AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB NEAR DAYTON, OHIO WILL BE OPEN FOR TOURS EACH FRIDAY . . . Shop tours of the museum's restoration and storage area provide visitors with a behind-the-scenes look at how the facility prepares exhibits for display . . . The tour is designed for visitors who are at least 12 years-old . . . Reservations for the Friday-only tour can be made by calling the Air Force Museum Information Division at (513) 255-3284 . . . Visitors may tour the museum only (instead of shop tours) weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

THE "1948 SPECIAL DIVIDEND" ON NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE IS STILL A HOAX . . . Though Legionnaires were previously warned to beware of rumors that a special dividend had been authorized for NSLI policy holders, the VA is again being flooded with requests for information and applications . . . The dividend, referred to as the "1948 Special Dividend," amounted to almost \$3 billion and was paid in 1950 and 1951 to about 16.5 million veterans. The 91st Congress passed a stale claims act which states: "No claim by an insured for payment in cash of a special dividend declared prior to January 1, 1952, shall be processed by the VA, unless such claim was recorded within six years after such dividend was declared." This law was specifically enacted to counteract recurring 1948 dividend hoaxes.

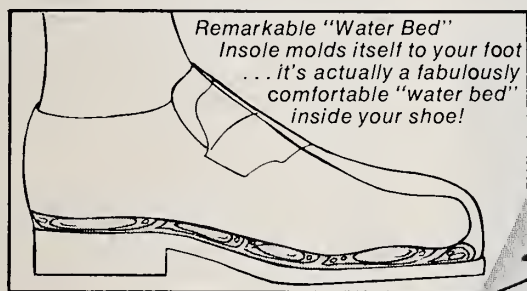


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# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

## YAKIMA CAPTURES LEGION WORLD SERIES!



Yakima, Wash., baserunner Gary Kerr is out at first base as Rhode Island first baseman Ernest Pacheco fields the ball.

### Barrington, RI Team Is Series' Runner-up

It was hot and humid in Greenville, Miss., during the five days of the American Legion's 53d "World Series" from August 30 to September 3, but that didn't stop the Yakima, Wash., team from becoming the 1979 World Champions of Legion baseball.

With a final score of 13-6 in the 15th and final game of the double elimination World Series of American Legion Baseball, the champions, sponsored by Logan Wheeler Post #36 of Yakima, outslugged the team

fielded by Barrington, R.I. Post #8.

Rhode Island had to play three of the last four games of the tourney, and beat ultimate national championship Washington team 6-3 in game No. 12. Washington unloaded a five-run outburst in the bottom half of the first inning of the championship game, taking a 5-2 lead, and was never headed. Starting and losing pitcher Mark Conley lasted just one-third of an inning and gave up five runs, three of which were earned. Winning pitcher Bruce Dunn of Yakima went the full nine innings, giving up ten hits and four walks while striking out five.

Pat Allen, Yakima second baseman, was the American Legion Baseball Player-of-the-Year. In 43 official at-bats, he had 13 hits, 20 total bases and 12 runs batted in, with a batting average of .302.

This is the Yakima team's third National Championship, having won in Miami, Fla., in 1953 and at Rapid City, S.D., in 1975. The father-son combination of Robert W. Garretson, manager, and his son, Robert A. Garretson, coach, comprised the team's adult leadership.

#### Box Score

| Barrington, RI  | ab        | r        | h         | rbi      | Yakima, WA    | ab        | r         | h         | rbi      |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Vierra, 1b      | 5         | 1        | 1         | 1        | Trimble, cf   | 3         | 2         | 0         | 0        |
| Stamoulis, 2b   | 5         | 1        | 2         | 0        | Cruz, ss      | 4         | 1         | 1         | 3        |
| Harper, ss      | 4         | 1        | 0         | 0        | Podruzny, 3b  | 5         | 0         | 2         | 0        |
| Conley, p, cf   | 5         | 0        | 3         | 0        | Allen, 2b     | 5         | 2         | 2         | 0        |
| Pacheco, cf, p, |           |          |           |          | Girard, lf    | 4         | 2         | 2         | 0        |
| lf, 1b          | 4         | 0        | 3         | 2        | Filliol       | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0        |
| Securo, lf      | 2         | 0        | 0         | 0        | Geffe, 1b     | 4         | 4         | 4         | 1        |
| Burns, lf       | 2         | 0        | 0         | 0        | Kerr, rf      | 4         | 1         | 3         | 2        |
| Bottone, rf     | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0        | Poznanske, c  | 5         | 1         | 1         | 2        |
| Ferriera, 3b    | 3         | 1        | 0         | 0        | Dunn, p       | 3         | 0         | 0         | 1        |
| Allard, rf, lf  | 3         | 1        | 1         | 0        | <b>Totals</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>9</b> |
| Kraunelis, c    | 4         | 1        | 0         | 0        |               |           |           |           |          |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>38</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>3</b> |               |           |           |           |          |

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YAKIMA, WA 501 120 310—13  
LOB—RI—11, WA—7. 2B—Pacheco, Conley, Geffe, 2, Podruzny, Girard, Poznanske, Allen. HR—Vierra, Cruz, SH—Allard. SF—Cruz, Dunn. SB—Allen, Geffe, Kerr, 2, Geffe. E—Ferriera, Securo, Kraunelis, Cruz, 3, Podruzny. DP—Dunn, Cruz, Geffe.

|                 | IP    | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|-----------------|-------|---|---|----|----|----|
| Mark Conley (L) | 1/3   | 4 | 5 | 3  | 1  | 0  |
| Ernie Pacheco   | 2-2/3 | 2 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 2  |
| Matt Securo     | 1     | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Scott Vierra    | 4     | 9 | 6 | 6  | 0  | 2  |

Bruce Dunn (W) 9 10 6 2 5 5  
U—Woten, Moore, Willis, Gentile, Hector, and Chambers. T—2:40 A—2:100.

The prestigious awards were well distributed among contending teams. Stephen Petersen, Barrington, Ill., Post #158 infielder, won the James F. Daniel, Jr., sportsmanship award. Steven Wolff, pitcher-infielder for Rapid City Post #22, Rapid City, S.D., was the series batting champ with an average of .423, and won the Hillerich and Bradsby Louisville Slugger Award. Juan Cruz, Yakima shortstop, was winner of the Dr. Irvin L. "Click" Cowger Memorial RBI award with 30 runs batted in. Cruz also won the Rawlings Big Stick Award with 18 total bases. The Bob Feller pitching award for most strikeouts in regional and national competition went to Brian Keith Reams of Norwalk, Calif., Post #359.



## VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration, Information Service, Washington, D.C. 20420.

**Q.** I am a Vietnam-era veteran with 120 days of active duty. I applied for a VA guaranteed home loan two years ago, but it was denied because of lack of qualifying service. Am I now eligible for a loan guaranty because of a recent change in the law?

**A.** You may now be eligible. The Veterans Housing Benefits Act of 1978 requires only 90 days of active duty for home loan entitlements for Vietnam-era veterans. Service must have been performed between Aug. 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

**Q.** My father was an honorably discharged wartime veteran. When he died a year ago, we were not aware of his eligibility for burial benefits. Can we still apply for those benefits?

**A.** A claim for burial benefits must be filed within two years following a veteran's permanent burial or cremation. Contact your nearest VA regional office for assistance.

**Q.** I plan to submit new and material evidence related to my service-connected condition for consideration by a regional office rating board. I have already filed notice of appeal. Must I first withdraw the appeal before I submit the new evidence?

**A.** No. New and material evidence may be submitted for consideration by the regional office rating board at any time prior to certification of the appeal and transfer of the claims file to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

**Q.** Does a widow or widower permanently lose entitlement to VA benefits if he or she remarries?

**A.** No. A widow or widower may reclaim eligibility for VA benefits if the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce or annulment.

**Q.** I am currently entitled to CHAMPVA benefits but will reach age 65 next month. How will this affect my CHAMPVA benefits?

**A.** At age 65, you become eligible for Social Security Medicare benefits. You lose CHAMPVA benefits.

**Q.** What period is considered war-time service for pension purposes during the Korean Conflict?

**A.** June 27, 1950 through Jan. 31, 1955.

## President Carter Pledges Improved VA Medical Care For Veterans

Senator Alan Cranston wrote to President Carter in July expressing concern that there may be a "grand design" to dismantle the VA hospital system and . . . to undercut our Nation's long-standing commitment to provide medical care through the VA to those who served in our armed forces."

Senator Cranston, the chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, cited numerous concerns of various veterans group representatives and asked that the President present his views on them.

President Carter responded with a letter Cranston termed "a strong statement and long overdue." Cranston added, however: "We've got to make certain that the policies set at the top aren't sabotaged on the way

to the veterans and their families."

Excerpts from the President's letter:

"The policy of my Administration is to continue to honor our Nation's historic commitment to provide medical care through the VA to those who served . . . in our armed forces, and especially to those disabled in that service. The continued presence of an independent, progressive system of VA hospitals to carry out this commitment is essential. I further intend to improve the quality of medical care through increased efficiencies . . . In particular, there are absolutely no plans to reduce the number of beds within the VA hospital system to any arbitrary number, nor to require the VA in the future to operate under a straight-line or decremental budget.

"Meeting our Nation's obligation . . . will require flexibility so that the VA medical care program can accommodate the changing needs of our veteran[s] . . . and use new methods of treatment. This policy calls for increasing emphasis on non-hospital care . . . in-home care and nursing home care . . . The emphasis on alternatives to hospitalization will allow the VA to increase bed capacity for long-term care . . . [M]y Administration plans, within the resources available to it, to provide necessary construction funding and such staffing levels as will permit continued improvements in quality of care . . .

"I believe this approach . . . will strengthen the program . . . [and make] the system more sensitive to the needs of the service-connected veteran, the aging veteran, and those veterans who are unable to defray the cost of medical care . . .

" . . . A significant expansion of nursing beds is under construction. Legislation has also been proposed and enacted to meet the special needs of Vietnam-era veterans . . . Staffing ratios in VA hospitals continue to be improved . . .

"Max Cleland . . . will be glad to discuss further my policy for the VA medical care program . . . and to respond to any specific questions . . ."



*Four octogenarian members of American Legion Post 77 in Hendersonville, N.C. stand ready to wheel their patients to various locations at Asheville VA Medical Center. The Escort Station is 80 percent manned two days a week by Hendersonville volunteers. Four Escort leaders shown are: (left to right) Elinar J. Anderson, John P. Gatlin, J. Leland Gilliland, and J. B. Creech. The nurse is Shirley Burris, RN.*



# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

## KEEPING POSTED

### Joseph G. Leonard Named Chairman Emeritus

The Connecticut Department Executive Committee named Joseph G. Leonard as Chairman Emeritus of the Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Leonard recently retired after serving 26 years on the National Executive Committee.



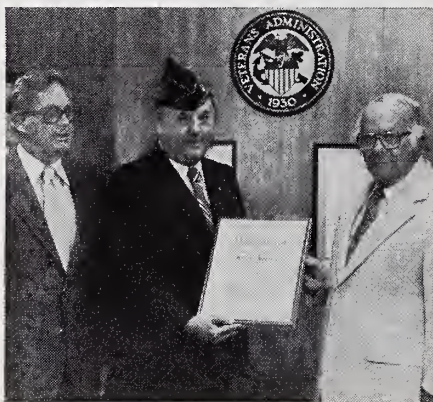
*Fidel J. Gonzalez, a Life Member of Wynnewood Post No. 511, Dallas, Tex., recently presented his post with a check for \$4,500 to be used to purchase Life Memberships for post combat veterans of any war (needing financial assistance) and to help offset expenses incurred by young men sent to Boys State. Gonzalez, a veteran of WWII, has been a member of the Wynnewood Post for 18 years.*



*An active promoter of youth awareness and leadership programs, the fast growing Legion post in Madrid works closely with other organizations with similar aims. Here Post 292 Commander Abdella Simon (right) confers with the Spanish B'Nai Brith coordinator Alberto Benasuly (left) and Apecsa president John Roelants.*



*After more than four decades of leading the Edwin L. Jones American Legion Band of Oconomowoc, Wisc., Connie Rhodee Howden has retired as Drum Majorette. Connie led her band in reviews at 14 National Conventions and, in 1946, won the national drum majorette championship at the San Francisco Convention. This photo, taken at the Wisc. Department's 1979 Convention in Milwaukee, shows Connie with her husband Jim (right) and brother Ken Rhodee. Inset shows Connie leading a band in the 1960s.*



*Past Department of New York Commander Michael J. Kogutek of Lackawanna, NY (center) receives a commendation plaque from Buffalo Veterans Administration Medical Center Director Joseph Paris and Assistant Director James Cuer. The award was given in recognition of Kogutek's assistance in obtaining land to be used for a parking lot for veterans and their families who use the New York medical center.*



*Ellig-Stoufer Post 31 in Ft. Smith, Ark. now has its first husband and wife team of life members, Gordon and Martha (Marty) McQuain. They were presented with honorary Life Memberships. Marty has served the past five years as post adjutant; Gordon is serving his second term as post 1st vice commander and finance officer, and is thirteenth District Executive Committeeman.*





Edwin F. Tompkins

## Edwin F. "Ted" Tompkins Is Month's Legionnaire

Edwin F. "Ted" Tompkins, chosen Legionnaire of the Month for November, is the "Mr. American Legion" of Post No. 42, Towanda, Pa.

A member of the post since 1927, Tompkins has served as 2nd Vice Cdr., Finance Officer, Historian, Chairman of the National Defense Committee, Director of the Hall Corporation, and was a member of the Executive Committee, to name but a few of the offices and positions held.

Tompkins, a WWI veteran, was active in Legion activities on the home front during WWII. As Chairman of the Armed Forces Service Club Committee in 1943, he solicited and shipped 700 pounds of phonograph records to Service Clubs around the world. In 1944, as Chairman of the Book Committee for the Towanda Victory Ship, he secured 200 books for their at-sea library.

Throughout the years, Tompkins has played a major role in numerous American Legion projects and has generously given his time in support of civic and community affairs.

In recognition of his 50-plus years of continuous service, this month's Legionnaire was appointed an Honorary Past Post Commander in 1978. Not satisfied to "rest on his laurels," Cdr. Tompkins continues to blaze a trail that is the envy of many younger Legionnaires.

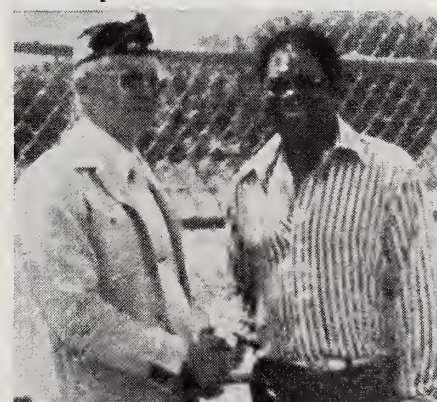
## Appointment Announced

Lee A. Hardy, 35, of Amboy, Minn. was appointed Assistant Director, Americanism and Children and Youth Division. Hardy, a Garden City, Minn. junior high school mathematics teacher before his appointment, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

In his new position, Hardy will be involved with a variety of programs including the Chaplain's program, the Special Olympics and the Education and Scholarship program.



Shown left to right are Frank C. Momsen, National Adjutant; Max Cleland, Administrator Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration; Robert W. Spanogle, Internal Affairs Director and Senator Birch Bayh (Ind.) reviewing a scrapbook of American Legion Vietnam Veterans Week activities presented to Cleland during a recent visit to Indianapolis.



Richmond County, N.Y. Commander William C. Hereford greets baseball's legendary Willie Mays at Tottenville High School field. The Hall-of-Famer responded to a request to scout the local Legion teams.



Albert Herbst being interviewed by Purple Heart Cruise host Irv Kupcincet on Good Morning, America.

## Kup Honors Vets with Purple Heart Cruise

For 35 consecutive years, Irv Kupcincet of the Chicago Sun-Times and his readers have provided one iridescent day in the lives of disabled and convalescing veterans who were wounded in the service of their country.

The event is the annual Kup's Purple Heart Cruise on Lake Michigan attended by more than 500 vets, attendants and entertainers. The all-day affair is held in mid-July aboard a Coast Guard cutter which begins the day anchored at Chicago's Navy Pier.

One old salt, 92-year-old Albert J. Herbst has attended every cruise. A member of Indiana's Van Buren American Legion Post 401, Herbst said, "Kup's a great guy. The boat ride lasts a year."

Another Legionnaire, Stephen Kosla of Post 85 in Kankakee, Ill. supplies decals and bumper stickers for the event. He is assistant hospital service officer of his post and has been aboard the last 28 cruises.

This year's picnic on the lake was covered by Good Morning, America, the ABC-TV program. Legionnaire Herbst was interviewed—a thrilling moment for the vet and one to remind viewers of how much this country owes those who fought for it.



# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES



Louis P. Farina (far right), the Past Commander of American Legion Advertising Post No. 38 in Chicago, and CBS (channel 2) newsmen John Drummond (far left) receive the American Legion Independence Day award at Soldier Field for their services to the Legion, city and community programs. Accompanying the two recipients are former congressman Roland Libonati (left) and VA representative Frank Bottiglieri.

## Hospitalized Vets Dine On Wild Game

In 1945, Dick Pfaffinger of Blue Earth, Minn.—a World War II POW who ate sparrows and mice to stay alive—vowed he would never forget the needs of disabled vets.

"They feel hopeless," the Minnesota Legionnaire said. "They feel alone. They aren't in a local hospital near their friends and relatives. I made up my mind back then that, if ever I could help, I would."

Pfaffinger has kept that promise. Since 1971, he has been organizing the Minn. Legion's annual pheasant and wild rice dinner for disabled veterans in hospitals around the state. Pfaffinger took the job on a temporary basis, but, when he saw disabled Vietnam vets flooding in, he decided to stay.

Today, the dinner is the largest wild game "feed" in the world. In 1978, 4,000 vets in 11 Minn. hospitals ate their fill.

"It is the recognition these people need," Pfaffinger said. "It makes them feel that they aren't forgotten."

## Eligibles For Benefits

An estimated 93.3 million Americans are potentially eligible for veterans benefits.



Harry W. Colmery

## Harry W. Colmery, G.I. Bill Author, Dies in Texas

Harry W. Colmery, Past National Commander (1936-37), passed away quietly at the 61st National Convention in Houston, Tex. on August 23.

One of the original authors of the G.I. Bill of Rights, Commander Colmery was active in the American Legion since its inception. He was instrumental in organizing Posts in Utah and Kansas and was President of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation at the time of his death, an office he had held since 1941.

At the 57th National Convention

in Minneapolis, he received the Legion's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, for his generous and capable contribution to the organization through the years.

A World War I veteran, Commander Colmery was active in the practice of law, even during his last years. He was 88 years old.

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #\_\_\_\_, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

Hq. 549th, AC&W Grp. Robert E. Madden needs witnesses to verify that he suffered a nervous collapse in Oct. 1952 in Weisbaden, Germany, while stationed at Rabat, Fr. Morocco. Contact CID 598.

LCT 611. Nelson Jeffrey Marceau needs witnesses to confirm his claim that in June 1943 while stationed in England, his ship was hit by a German 88 on the port side and he was knocked out. Contact CID 599.

83rd CML Bn. Albert L. McBride is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that in 1943 while stationed in Sicily, he was hit by shrapnel in the right forearm. Contact CID 600.

HHD 37th Trans Gp. John H. Nosbusch needs witnesses to confirm a claim that in 1966 while stationed at Kaiserslautern, Germany, he injured his right wrist while playing football. Contact CID 601.

561st AAA Bn. James W. Larwood needs witnesses to verify a claim that while he was stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. in May 1943, he fell on the obstacle course and injured his lower back. Contact CID 602.

51st U.S.N.C.B. Albert N. Lowry needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ulithi Atol-Caroline Islands in November 1944, he hurt his hip while working on heavy equipment. Contact CID 603.

Co. "D", 411th Inf. Heavy Weapons. John Matvyak is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while he was stationed in Southern France at the Rhine River in December 1944, he suffered frozen feet. Contact CID 604.

USS Stanly. Paul T. Ogden is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at sea in the battle of Biscume Bay in 1944 he suffered flashburns, blindness and deafness. Contact CID 605.

USS Marine Detachment. Jesse W. Gorman is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while he was stationed at St. Lucia, British West Indies in 1942, he fell from an athletic bar and injured his back. Contact CID 607.

Bainbridge, Maryland. Aime R. Labonte needs witnesses to verify a claim that while he was stationed at Bainbridge, Md. he received no physical examination at time of discharge. Contact CID 608.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

"Reunions are scheduled during month and in place indicated immediately following outfit's ID. Write or call person listed for details."

### Army Air Corps

354th Pioneer Mustang Ftr. Group (Dec). Mrs. Ruby McKinnon, P.O. Box 68123, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268 (317-291-6010).

### Navy

USS L.C.I. (G) 473 (Feb). Martin Leinwander, P.O. Box 223, Beverly Hills, Fla. 32665 (904-746-5940).

Patrol Sqdn. Four (VP-4) Okinawa (1956-64). Steve Andruszkewicz, 3745 Faulk Dr. NE, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

### Miscellaneous

Sons of Sherman's March to the Sea (Dec). Stan Schirmacher, 1725 Farmer Ave., Tempe, Ariz. 82581 (602-967-5405).



## TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US government, or other forms of national prominence.

Judge Bruce P. Henderson, Past Department Commander (1949-50) and Past National Security Commission Chairman (1950-52, 1954-55) died in Warren, Ohio.

Edward L. Kelly, Past Department Commander (1922-23) died in New Haven, Conn.

Judge F. Ryan Duffy, Past Department Commander (1922-23), National Vice Commander (1923-24) and National Executive Committee-man (1922-23) died in Milwaukee, Wis.

William D. Schwartz, Jr., Past Department Commander (1933-34) died in Charleston, S. C.

Vernon Carol Tharp, Past Department Historian (1971-73), Past Department Vice Commander (1973-74) and Past Department Commander (1974-75) died in St. Louis, Mo.

Earl B. Bigalow, husband of the Auxiliary's 1978-79 National President, died unexpectedly July 27 at the family home in Medford, Oreg. He served as Department Finance Chairman (1965-66).

Rollin Stanley Armstrong, 72, Past Department Commander 1948-49 & Past National Executive Committee-man 1955-56 died at Natchez, Miss.

William J. Coniff, 97, Past National Executive Committeeman 1937-39 died in Port Angeles, Washington.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors.

Gordon E. McQuain, Martha M. McQuain (1979), Post 31, Fort Smith, Ark.

Walter F. Tennant (1978), Ervin F. Trolinger (1979), Post 31, Salinas, Calif.

Fred V. Belluomini, William A. Fancher, Joseph J. Garbaldi, Wallace P. Jones, Ralph McGee, Jesse E. McLaughlin, William E. Phillips, Antone N. Spinetti, Jan Van Theil (1979), Post 108, Sutter Hill, Calif.

Edward A. Vincent (1979), Post 170, Torrance, Calif.

Richard Roche, Jess Torres (1979), Post 199, St. Helena, Calif.

Jerry R. Bactat (1978), Post 798, Stockton, Calif.

Lawrence Pratt (1978), Melvin Jones (1979), Post 184, Durham, Conn.

James A. Preece (1978), Post 22, Cocoa, Fla.

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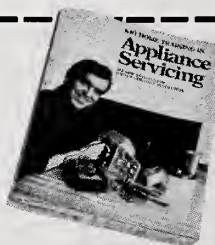
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Percy Roberts, 71 Lupine Ave., San Francisco, CA. 94118, Btry. F, 62nd Coast Arty, Ft. Scott or Presidio, CA., 1917-18.

Franklin T. Peck, 1458 Cartagena Ave., Hayward, CA. 94544, Hq. & Hqd. Sqdn. OCS Army Air Forces, Eastern Tech Trng. Command, Miami Beach, 1942-43.

Steven J. Femino, c/o Marina Lyons, 175 Pine St., Clinton, MA. 01510, 738th M.P. Bn., Australia, 1953.

J. Daniel Mullin, 1105 Whitehall Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464, Destroyer Div. 59, 1941-42.

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Carl Glassman, 328 W. 108th St., New York, NY. 10025, wartime Photographers, Cinematographers.

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John Weigel, Box 1, Millersburg, IN. 46543, Marine Flying Co., 3rd Detach, 1918-19.

Fred M. Mone, 16200 Ernadales Ave., Cleveland, OH. 44111, 248th Engr. Combat Bn., Co. B, WWII.

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Harry Lopez, 1923 Melrose, Chicago, Ill. 60657, 14th Armed Cav., Germany, 1956-59.

Michael J. Bathluk, 421 Balsam St., Elmira, NY. 14904, Teletypewriter, Chico, CA. 1943.

Edward Abromik, R.D. 2, Texter School Rd., Zellenople, Pa. 16063, Btry. B, 1st C.A.C. Ft. Randolph, Canol Zone, 1934-36.

William "Tiny" Holley, A1 Netherland Ave., Windmill Village, N. Ft. Myers, FL. 33903, USS Foreman DE 633, WWII.

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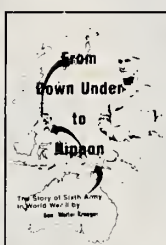
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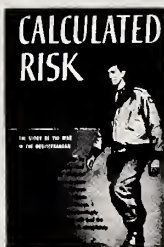
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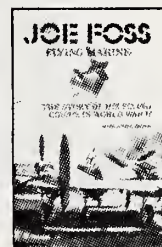
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# Commander's Message

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Too often our government and its citizens have to be reminded that the war doesn't end when the shooting stops. Our nation's veterans from the doughboy of World War I to the infantryman of Vietnam have problems and it's our job to insure that those problems are not ignored. We must insure that all veterans know we care and know what we are doing for them.

Last year, for instance, our people logged in more than 700,000 hours of volunteer work at VA medical facilities. More than 30,000 veterans received jobs or job training in 1978 through aid provided by Legion Posts. American Legion Service Officers gave some type of assistance to more than 300,000 veterans last year.

Our people in Washington have let Congress know that we support a special government life insurance program for Vietnam veterans, and we support the channeling of dollars to provide even better care at VA medical facilities. We want all veterans to have the opportunity to get a good job in which they will be fully employed and challenged. We advocate the passage of increased veteran education benefits to insure just that.

Any organization, no matter how great its programs or how large its membership, must continuously adjust to the changes in the society it serves and must constantly remind its public of the good it does.

*We are no exception.*

If we are to continue to prosper in reputation and membership, we must always be watching for new ideas which will assist us in our efforts to keep pace with changing challenges.

To remain viable, we must remain visible.

To that end I issue a personal challenge to each of you to tell our story to at least one potential member this month. Make Veterans Day more than a day away from your job. Make it a commemoration of the selfless sacrifices of those who bore arms. Make it an opportunity to enlist more veterans who will help "sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

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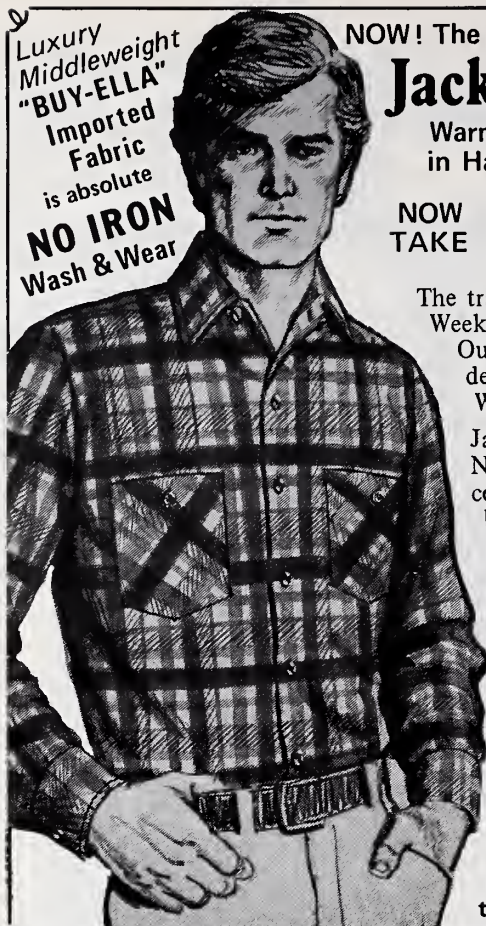
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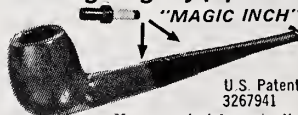
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J. RICHARD FOSTER  
Huntington Beach, Calif.

• By now most people are convinced that the gasoline shortage is real and fuel cannot be wasted. In the face of this it is strange indeed that learned judges are ordering more of our big cities to start hauling countless thousands of kids millions of miles a year to achieve a racial mix. In some cases the cities are without the funds to buy the fleets of buses necessary, let alone the fuel to run them. Where's our common sense?

DEBORAH DAVOREN  
Concord, Calif.

• According to information from many members of Congress, Pentagon spokesmen and respected analysts, it appears that the United States has a narrowing lead in military balance with the Soviet Union. In view of this alarming trend I believe that the only fair and democratic approach to the correction of this situation of unpreparedness is to restore the draft. By so doing, an acceptable level of military manpower will be maintained and at the same time millions of dollars will be saved by the elimination of bonuses and exorbitant recruitment programs being conducted by the services. As an adjunct to the draft I strongly recommend the reestablishment of the citizens military training camps that operated between the two World Wars, or a similar program. This would relieve a great percentage of the teenage unemployment problem.

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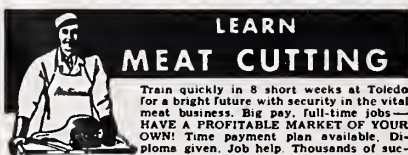
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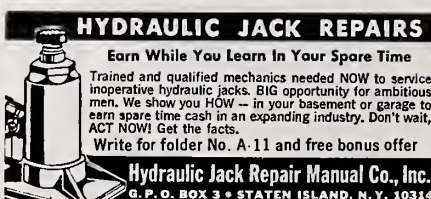
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As the pilot made a second pass over the dugout I permitted the rope of the dangling container to slip further through my hands, and when the food can almost touched the rocky surface below, I dropped the end of the rope. The lookout guard ran to retrieve the container.

In a similar manner I let down the second can of turkey and dressing. As we made a final cruise over the lookout, the guard on duty looked up, smiled, held up a turkey leg, and waved his hand in gratitude.

Though I was late for the chow line and had to eat cold leftovers of turkey and trimmings, I somehow didn't seem to care. An inner feeling of satisfaction warmed my cold meal. I knew that far above me two lonely buddies were enjoying a feast.

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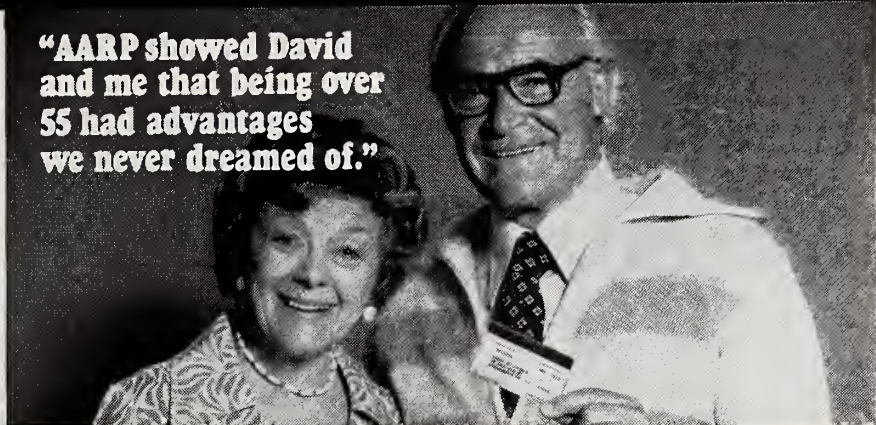
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## Public Opinion Polls

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arms agreement with the Russians (8.6 percent).

"I don't know enough about the SALT II Treaty to have an opinion yet (29.6 percent)."

The Committee asked other specific questions, such as whether the respondent would favor a treaty that did not limit Russia's new "Backfire" bomber, and that allowed the Soviets to develop by 1985 a 10 to 1 advantage over the U.S. in ability to destroy the other side's missile sites.

The percentages opposed to SALT II rose sharply.

The *Washington Post* headlined its report of the story: "New Poll Challenges Surveys on SALT." It included the comments of Paul Sheatsley, senior survey director of the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center, who criticized several of the Committee's polling questions as "not balanced," and "too argumentative and difficult for the general public to understand."

To which the Committee on the Present Danger responded: "Nonsense. The public is well able to understand the issues, once it has the necessary facts."

The "battle of the polls" has been going on with varying intensity ever since the long defunct *Literary Digest* did a survey predicting Herbert Hoover would be reelected President in 1932. The *Digest*, which polled its readers by postcard, took a lot of lumps for that monumental boo-boo, and the ridicule it received hastened the demise of the once-prestigious weekly news magazine. Since then, polling has become a \$4 billion a year business with scores of survey companies employing hundreds of trained interrogators who specialize in every kind of a poll imaginable.

Among more sophisticated polling firms are George Gallup, Louis Harris and Opinion Research, Inc., of Princeton, N.J. There are dozens more that specialize in polling businessmen, academicians, TV viewers and other segments of the population. And of course the U.S. Census Bureau does just about the most thorough questionnaire of all.

How can one determine a good survey from a bad one? According to survey consultants David Gergen and William Schambra, the most reliable pollsters select respondents through random sampling, using

census data and computers. Race, sex, age and religion; only geography is a factor.

Gergen and Schambra conclude that random surveys of some 1,500 people are sufficient 95 percent of the time to produce results with margins of error of plus or minus only 3 percent.

At the same time, they agree that poll results depend in large part on what people are being asked and how the questions are worded. "When people answer questions dealing with personal experience," say Gergen and Schambra, "their views tend to be well-considered, lending the poll results more credence." But when they are asked about subjects which they know little about, "they probably will answer what they believe is expected of them just to get out of an embarrassing spot."

When it comes to the complexities of the SALT II treaty, pollsters agree that there is a widespread lack of information among most of the public that aids those who deal in generalities rather than specifics. As Dr. Gray Lawrence puts it: "Understanding of SALT II is 3,000 miles wide and a half-inch thick."

A *New York Times*/CBS public opinion poll taken only a few weeks before the SALT II treaty was signed revealed that fewer than one American in three could identify which countries had signed the pact!

The public gradually is becoming better informed about the arms issues as the debate wears on. But as a UPI story from Washington warned recently: "The ignorance about SALT leaves the public vulnerable to a frequently used tactic of persuasion: Wording poll questions in such a way as to get a favorable answer and create a bandwagon effect."

Polls aside, among the most reliable and sophisticated services are those election-night network computers that can take a mere fraction of the returns and, based on pre-vote projections, predict the final outcome with amazing accuracy.

In November, 1978, however, many of the pre-election polls took a terrible beating. Several members of Congress, running for reelection in supposedly "safe" states or districts, were knocked off in a series of stunning upsets. At least they were "upsets" to the pollsters.



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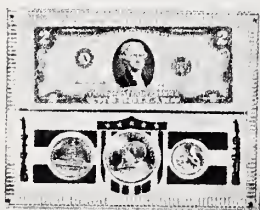
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For pollster Hart, it was back to the drawing board. A "re-survey" showed that 23 percent of the *assumed* Clark voters had switched to Jepsen near the end of the campaign. And another 10 percent didn't vote at all. Thus, the vote switches "did in" Clark—and pollster Hart!

This brought home a fact that had been too often neglected in the 1978 political campaign, and that was that most people change their minds—often and sometimes swiftly.

As the *Wall Street Journal's* Washington political writer, Albert R. Hunt points out: "The electorate isn't static; indeed, in recent years the evidence is it's highly volatile. That polls can't predict future behavior is good to keep in mind as the flood of presidential preference polls for 1980 continues to arrive."

There were excuses galore for red-faced pollsters after November, 1978. "A colossal breakdown" was blamed for an "upset" in Colorado. In South Dakota, it was called "a colossal screw-up." In Iowa, the results were simply called "wrong."

From Joe Rothstern, a political consultant who "bombed out" in November, comes this plaintive question: "Were we polling the wrong people, or asking the wrong questions?"

In New Hampshire where underdog Gordon Humphrey unseated Sen. Thomas McIntyre, pollster Pat Cadell had McIntyre winning by 59.5 percent to 30 percent in mid-October. Humphrey won by 51 to 49 percent. Cadell had no excuses for this bum steer or for the shocker in Iowa.

"I don't feel we served them well," said Hart as he and his staff began a postmortem to learn what had gone wrong.

There is another controversy over the polls that has yet to be answered, and that is to what extent preelec-

tion surveys influence the outcome.

Marvin Field, one of the nation's leading pollsters, says indirect effects could be important. "An adverse poll," he says, "can demoralize a candidate's workers; it puts at a disadvantage candidates who are hard-up for campaign funds."

Gov. James Hunt of North Carolina is more critical. "Polls about who's going to win are harmful," he says. "They tend to become a critical campaign issue; instead of reflecting what the news is . . . they become *what it is*—self-fulfilling."

Winston Churchill summed it up best when he said: "Nothing is more dangerous than to live in the temperamental atmosphere of the Gallup Poll, always taking one's temperature . . . There is only one duty,



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only one safe course, and that is to try to be right and not fear to do or say what you believe is right."

Churchill, notwithstanding, polls will go on entrancing people for as long as fortune tellers tell fortunes.

So will the controversy. Last year, two enterprising reporters for the North American Newspaper Alliance, Robert J. Wagman and Sheldon Engelmayer, set out to test the polls to determine just how accurately they reflect public opinion. They chose a widely-quoted *New York Times* CBS poll in January, 1978, on the so-called "New Right." That poll showed that political conservatives



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were moving to the left toward more liberal positions. Or so it would seem.

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Thus, the *Times*-CBS poll asked: "Do you agree or disagree that the *federal government* ought to see to it that everybody that wants a job can get one?" Opinion Research substituted the words "private enterprise" for "federal government."

The *Times*-CBS poll was aimed at Conservatives; the NANA poll at Liberals. Here are the results:

The *Times*-CBS poll found that 70 percent of the Conservatives questioned agreed that the federal government should see to it that everybody who wants a job can get one. The NANA poll found that 72 percent of the Liberals it asked thought private enterprise should provide the jobs!

Similar questions were asked about medical care, and more jobs and housing for Blacks.

The results followed the same pattern with majorities in both polls agreeing that something should be done to provide lower-cost medical care and to end racial discrimination. It made no real difference who handled the problems, the federal government or private enterprise. Interpreted literally, it could mean that Conservatives are becoming liberal and Liberals are going conservative. It could also mean that people don't care who does the job as long as the job is done.

"In effect," said the NANA reporters, "our poll showed that a survey can be used to prove anything unless the questions are worded with great care."

As Harry O'Neill, executive vice president of Opinion Research, explains: "To ask simply 'should the federal government solve something' or 'should private enterprise solve it' will invite the obvious affirmative answer."

"The proper way to ask such a question—the way that will elicit a valid result," says O'Neill, "is to state the problem and ask who should solve it, giving the respondent various choices."

In other words, the answer often lies in the question.

With the approach of another election year, the polls once again are

looming large on the horizon and in the news media. Recognizing the dangers inherent in publicizing biased or improperly conducted polls, the Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers Association has put together what it calls a "journalist's checklist" to help maintain balanced reporting of public opinion surveys. The checklist recommends that reporters ask these questions:

1. Who sponsored the poll? If a candidate or his party was the sponsor, that should clearly be indicated.

2. Just whose opinion is being reported? For example, a pre-election survey based only on those considered likely to vote would produce sharply different results from one based on a sample of all voters.

3. How were the persons to be polled selected? True random samplings often are costly, so pollsters sometimes narrow their areas of questioning with resultant loss of credibility.

4. How many persons were interviewed? Any total under 1,500 can be highly suspect.

5. What was the response rate? A low ratio of answers to those questioned can lead to gross distortions.

6. What was the stated "margin of error?" No survey should be published without this qualification.

7. Who did the interviewing? There's a big difference between professional pollsters and political hacks seeking to promote candidates or causes.

8. How was the poll conducted? Face-to-face interviews are considered the most accurate.

9. When was the poll taken? Public opinion constantly changes, often from day-to-day and from headline-to-headline.

10. What were the questions? The wording more often than not determines the answer.

The checklist is a good idea long overdue.

Only if the pollsters themselves police their act can they protect their credibility with the public. Recently, Procter & Gamble did a survey of their own to ask Americans how they rated public-opinion polls. The result hardly was a vote of confidence. The polls rated below both the military establishment and organized labor, and only a shade above congress and the presidency.

That should tell the pollsters a thing or two! ■



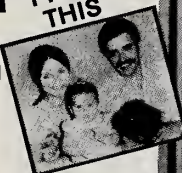
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## Two Flags of Iwo Jima

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with a click, a whoosh, and a muffled roar. These were doubtless the most terrifying sounds the Japanese heard. The Marines could smell their roasting flesh, and the circumstances made the odor seem ambrosial.

There were instances of hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets and knives when enemy soldiers suddenly darted from cover to lunge at their attackers or to make a break for the safety of more remote defenses. One Marine, charged by a saber-swinging officer, caught the blade with his bare hands, wrung it free, and hacked the officer to death with it. This Marine left the island with two heavily bandaged hands, and with the sword clutched firmly to his breast.

A few small groups of Japanese launched counterattacks, but not with the hope of accomplishing anything. Charging the advancing Marines was a way of death these men preferred to being exterminated in their failing defenses. At one time during the bloody activities a Marine officer who spoke Japanese on the front lines called upon the defenders to surrender, but the appeal was ignored.

By the end of the second day, the fight was largely won. There were still substantial numbers of the enemy in the network of caves and tunnels, but hundreds had been killed, and the pernicious power of the fortress was broken. It was time for the regiment to start climbing. The craggy 550-foot dome was so steep that a cooperative move could not be made. It was discovered that the only route to the crater was located on the left, in the zone occupied by the second battalion. The task of planning the climb fell to the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Chandler W. Johnson, and he sent up an assault patrol.

The patrol was chosen from E Company, commanded by Captain Dave E. Severance, which had played a major role in the assault. It was the company's third platoon that got the job. This unit, which had landed under the command of First Lieutenant J. Keith Wells, had already lost half its number. Since the landing, the platoon had earned not only twenty Purple Hearts but also a Medal of Honor, two Navy Crosses, and a Silver Star. The platoon's twenty-five survivors, now commanded by Platoon Sergeant Ernest I. Thomas, did

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not crave any new honors. But it is a military aphorism that a unit that proves itself in combat is rewarded with further assignments.

About 8 o'clock on the morning of D plus 4, First Lieutenant Harold G. Schrier, E Company's executive officer, led the third platoon, reinforced to forty men, to battalion headquarters near the volcano's northeast base. Colonel Johnson handed Schrier a folded American flag that had been brought ashore by the battalion adjutant, who had obtained it from the attack transport *Missoula*. Johnson's orders were simple. The patrol was to climb to the summit, secure the crater, and raise the flag. The colonel had earlier sent two small patrols up the dome on reconnoitering missions, and both had reached the rim of the crater and had then withdrawn safely.

Having been joined by a photographer, Staff Sergeant Louis R. Lowery of *Leatherneck* magazine, the 40 men fell into an irregular column and moved toward the volcano's base. They soon passed two dead Marines lying beside a damaged artillery piece. A little farther on they passed several enemy corpses. When the route turned steep and the going became difficult, Lieutenant Schrier sent out flankers to guard the vulnerable column against surprise attack. Laden with weapons and ammunition, the men climbed slowly and were forced to stop from time to time to catch their breath. Though several cave entrances were sighted, no resistance developed.

Far below, the Marines semicircling the volcano's northeast base watched the ascent. Said one: "Those guys ought to be getting flight pay!" Also watching, many with binoculars, were hundreds of men of the fleet.

It took the patrol about half an hour to reach the crater's rim, where Schrier called a halt. Taking stock of the situation, he could see two or three battered gun emplacements and some cave entrances, but no Japanese. He gave the signal for the men to pass over the rim. They fanned out as they did so, taking up positions just inside, but the caves and crater remained silent.

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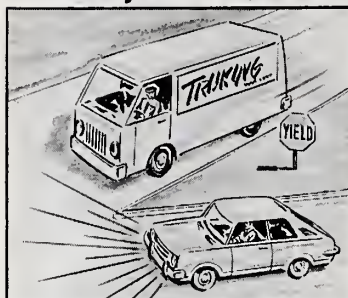
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Even as this action waxed, Corporal Robert A. Leader and Pfc. Leo Rozek found a long piece of pipe, seemingly the remnant of a rain-catching system, and passed it to the summit. Waiting with the flag were Lieutenant Schrier, Platoon Sergeant Thomas, Sergeant Henry O. Hansen, and Corporal Charles W. Lindberg, and they promptly fixed it to the pole.

At 10:20 A.M. the pole was planted and the Stars and Stripes, seized by the wind, began to whip proudly over the volcano. The date February 23, 1945, had suddenly become historically significant. Mount Suribachi was the first piece of land under the direct administration of Tokyo to be captured by American forces during World War II. The cost: about 900 Marines killed or wounded.

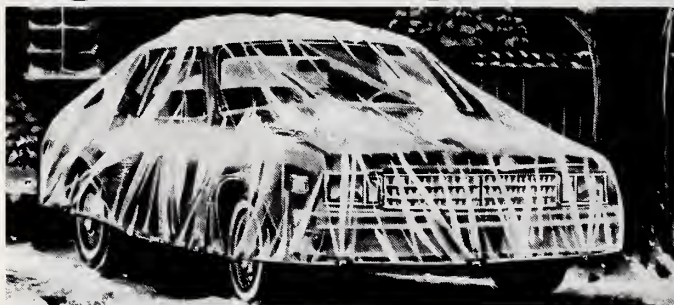
As *Leatherneck* photographer Lou Lowery put the great moment on film, the tired and unshaven observers below pointed and shouted, "The flag's up!" Some wept, while others cheered and clapped one another on the back. The electrifying word quickly spread to all the units about the volcano's base and to the regiments fighting the main battle to the north. Excitement also swept the fleet. Ship's horns and whistles sounded a spirited salute, and men lined the rails and cheered. Soon word of the capture would also be thrilling the people at home, who had been following the battle's progress anxiously.

The flag was barely up before it was challenged by the Japanese. A rifleman stepped out of a cave and fired at Lou Lowery and Pfc. James A. Robeson, who were crouching together in a shallow hole. The Japanese missed. Robeson, a BAR man, swung his weapon up and got off a burst that dropped the man in his tracks. Now a Japanese officer rushed from the cave brandishing a sword. Rifles cracked, and he fell too.

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ery, covering the action at considerable risk, had another close shave. A grenade came at him, and he was forced to leap down the side of the volcano. Tumbling and sliding for 50 feet before catching hold of a bush, he broke his camera.

The cave entrances were soon hosed with flamethrowers and blown shut with demolitions. Later this cave was found to be holding well over a hundred bodies. Had these men rushed from the cave en masse, they might have succeeded in overwhelming the patrol.

While reinforcements were arriving on the summit to assist with the mop up, and while similar operations were being conducted on the volcano's outer slopes, Colonel Johnson, at his headquarters down below, issued orders that the flag be replaced. The chief reason was that it was too small to be seen very far, which restricted its morale value. Johnson also wanted to make sure the original flag was kept by the battalion and not snatched as a souvenir by someone else.

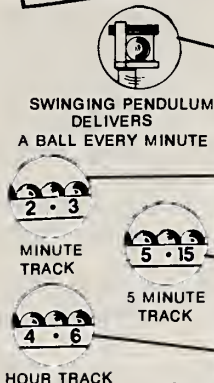
A flag eight-feet long and four-feet-eight-inches wide was obtained from LST 779, a vessel beached near Suribachi's eastern base. When it arrived at the summit, Lieutenant Schrier ordered that it be raised at the same moment the small flag was lowered, and another piece of pipe was found. The new flag raising group, like the first, came from E Company. Three new photographers were on the scene: Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press, and two Marine photographers, Private Bob Campbell and Sergeant Bill Genaust, the last with a motion picture camera. As the flags were exchanged, Rosenthal and Genaust concentrated on the large one, while Campbell got a shot of both. The time was about noon, and the flag raising epic was over.

Rosenthal's picture, today so famous, has been criticized by some as having been "posed," or "staged," or as depicting a "reenactment." None of this is true, and the proof is provided by Bob Campbell's photo, made a moment after Rosenthal snapped his. The small flag is nearly down, and the large one is just beginning to float free. Its raisers are struggling to plant the pole in the rocks. The whole scene is obviously spontaneous. Rosenthal photographed the authorized replacement of a small flag with a large one, and under combat conditions. The great picture deserves all its fame. ■

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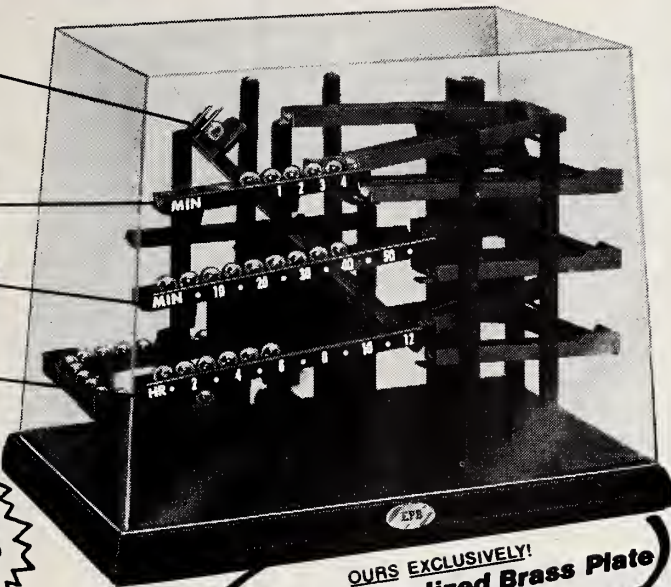
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## Good Ship Carnegie

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In 1914, when war burst forth in Europe, a new danger for the *Carnegie* surfaced in the North Atlantic—German submarines. Captain Ault received strict orders to fly the American flag, to avoid signing up crew members from the belligerent countries, and to stay clear of known zones of submarine activity.

Would Germany permit the *Carnegie* to continue her work, Bauer inquired?

No, came the blunt reply, and the ship hurried to the refuge of Rio de Janeiro's harbor.

After many months there, the ship made its way safely through the Pacific Ocean and Panama Canal back to Washington, D.C. But only 20 miles off the coast of Virginia, the *Carnegie* just missed being intercepted by a waiting German submarine.

When America entered the war, the *Carnegie's* work took on new aspects of national importance. As armies wheeled and battled on land, the need to locate exact positions on maps became a matter of life and death. One device—the magnetic compass—made all the difference. Yet, the compass was tricky to use, and accuracy was seldom achieved unless the user had the most up-to-date compass settings. Because the *Carnegie* had mapped the magnetic forces on which the compass depended, Bauer was able to furnish the Signal Corps with the best settings for the war zones in France, Belgium and Germany.

Similarly, Ault ferreted out ways to make the compass more reliable in aircraft where it was subject to vibration and interference, while other staff members taught navigation in special schools to fledgling pilots.

Meanwhile, belligerent navies, fighting one another as well as interfering with commerce, called for apt countermeasures. But what could be done? Bauer showed how with the aid of instruments from the *Carnegie* he could detect heavily armored battleships through the magnetism given off by their iron structures, and also detect submarines underwater. Later, similar detection devices coupled to explosive charges formed the basis of a novel weapon—the so-called magnetic mine that exploded when a vessel passed by.

When the war ended, Bauer and Ault pressed their case for a renewed series of *Carnegie* voyages,

but the Institution resisted. As the pressures on Bauer mounted, his relations with his staff became increasingly difficult and he eventually became ill, and dropped out of the picture. Finally, Ault received a go-ahead and the United States Coast Guard towed the ship to the shipyard for outfitting. But the *Carnegie's* story soon ended tragically.

For this voyage, Ault became a Commissioned Officer in the United States Naval Reserve. This made possible the loan by the Navy Department of charts and instruments worth \$15,000. The United States Naval Reserve Laboratory chipped in an experimental short-wave receiver while the Navy sent an experimental sonic depth-finder.

On May 1, 1928, a proposed three-year voyage began which at first looked headed for disaster.

Ault wrote of not feeling well, of men not wanting to work, and of water leaking into the cabin. By the time they sighted the coast of Panama, he began to suffer from hallucinations.

However, the situation slowly improved and the men of the *Carnegie* continued their studies of erratic earth forces and the currents deep in the ocean.

But, on November 29, 1929 the *Carnegie* exploded while gasoline was being poured into her tanks, the engine having been modified earlier to run on gasoline rather than coal. Captain Ault and a cabin boy were killed and the *Carnegie* burned itself into a watery grave.

Today, automatic recording stations both here on earth and deep in space continue to monitor the same forces that the *Carnegie* recorded. The development of radar can trace its roots to the *Carnegie's* work on electric forces in the sky. The ship itself served as a prototype for the non-magnetic minesweepers of World War II.

What motivated Ault and his staff to risk their lives? A year before his death Ault wrote to his wife, "The cruise is pretty well started now, and we know it is going to accomplish nearly all and perhaps more than was planned, and without your love and loyalty it could not be done . . . But the rewards afterwards . . . the recognition in our own hearts of something accomplished, will make our remaining years together all the more sweet." ■



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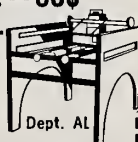
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## Story of the Unknowns

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the sarcophagus where a brief committal service was held concluding with the sprinkling of the soil of France over the crypt where the body was placed. Finally, with the firing of three salvos of artillery, the sounding of Taps and the National Salute, the ceremonies were ended and the Unknown Soldier of World War I was home at last.

His journey had begun several months before with the Congressional Resolution of March 4th. The Secretary of War delegated to the Quartermaster Corps, the duty of selecting the Unknown Soldier, and the Quartermaster General in turn directed the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe, to select from among the burial places of America's Unknown Dead, the bodies of four who fell in combat areas.

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After the four caskets were arranged in the Hotel de Ville, the next step was the selection to represent all the Unknown American Dead. In view of his outstanding service, Sergeant Edward Younger, on duty with the American Forces in Germany, was given the honor. October 24, 1921, at 10 A.M., in the presence of the Quartermaster General, the Commanding General of the American forces in Germany, the Major of Chalons-sur-Marne, high officers of the French Army, and distinguished American and French civilians, the selection was made.

While a French military band played, Sergeant Younger slowly entered the room where the four caskets were placed. Passing between two lines formed by the officials, he silently advanced to the caskets, circled them three times and placed a spray of white roses on the third casket from the left. Facing the casket, he stood at attention, and sa-

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luted. He was immediately followed by officers of the French Army who saluted in the name of the French people.

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"Three times I walked around them, then something drew me to the coffin second to my right in entering. I couldn't walk another step. It seemed God raised my hand and guided me as I placed a spray of roses on that casket."

The body lay in state for several hours watched over by a guard of honor composed of French and American soldiers, while the people of Chalons paid their respects. After brief official ceremonies by the city of Chalons, the casket was placed on a flag-draped gun carriage and escorted by American and French troops to the railroad station where it was placed aboard the funeral car in a special train for the journey to Le Havre where it was met by French officials and troops and citizens.

Escorted by French and American troops, the solemn procession moved through the city to the pier where the American Cruiser *Olympia*, Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila Bay, awaited with her flags at half mast to receive the precious cargo which she was to bring to her homeland. Here, the casket was ceremoniously turned over to the United States Navy and placed on the flower-decked stern of the cruiser for the long journey to America.

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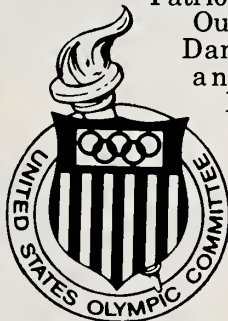
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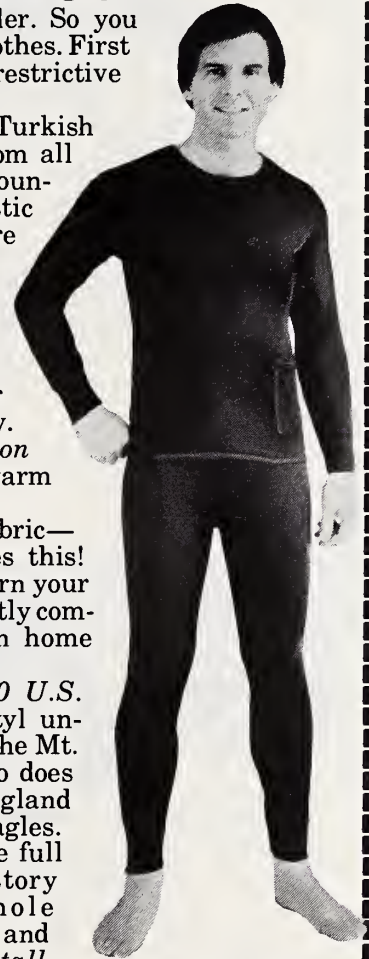
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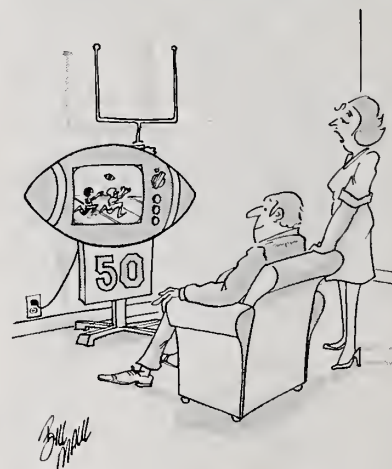


the casket to pay homage to the Unknown Soldier who symbolized all our Unknown and the purpose for which they died.

For 35 years the Unknown Soldier of World War I was the sole occupant of the crypt on the hill overlooking Washington, and then on August 3, 1956 a bill to name Unknowns from World War II and the Korean War was signed by President Eisenhower.

For World War II, caskets were chosen from national cemeteries in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. After they were placed aboard the U.S.S. *Canberra*, the ship sailed to a spot off the Virginia Capes in late May. There, Hospitalman First Class Willie R. Charette, the Navy's only remaining active duty Medal of Honor winner placed a wreath on the casket of the man who was to become the Unknown of World War II.

The selection of the Korean Unknown was made by Master Sergeant Ned Lyle in the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Honolulu, Hawaii.



"I suppose it was inevitable."

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Again the two Unknowns lay in state in the Capitol rotunda. After impressive ceremonies attended by President Eisenhower and other distinguished U.S. and foreign dignitaries, the two Unknowns were laid to rest beside the Unknown Soldier of World War I.

The Tomb of the Unknowns, a focal point for thousands of visitors each day was completed and uncovered for public view on April 9, 1932. The marble of the simply-designed monument was mined in Colorado and taken to Vermont, where the rough hewing was done. The fine carving was completed after it was placed in Arlington. The massive rock was hollowed from the



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For a number of years picnickers littered the grounds surrounding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I, sometimes chipping pieces from the Tomb, however the Honor Guard Company of the 3d Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) stationed at nearby Fort Myer, Virginia, has been entrusted with the honor of providing sentinels to maintain an eternal vigil at the Tomb. Night and day, regardless of weather conditions, the sentinel, with measured step, walks his post always keeping his rifle on the shoulder away from the Tomb, a sign of respect to the Unknowns and a sign that a grateful nation remembers.

What Associated Press reporter Kirke L. Simpson wrote of the Unknown Soldier of World War I could also apply to the two Unknowns from later wars, "Alone he lies in a narrow cell of stone that guards his body, but his soul has entered into the spirit that is America. Wherever liberty is held close in men's hearts, the honor and the glory and the pledge of high endeavor poured over this nameless one of fame will be told and sung by Americans for all time."



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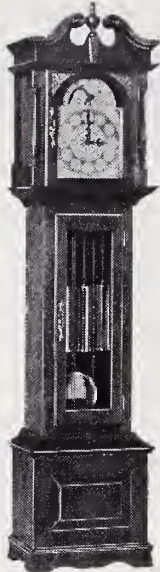
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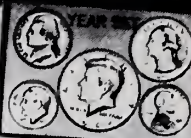
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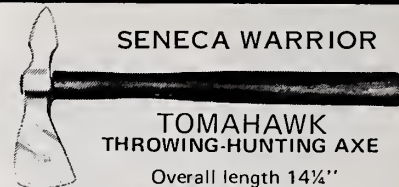
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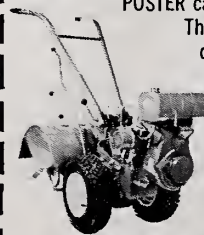
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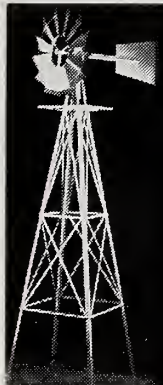
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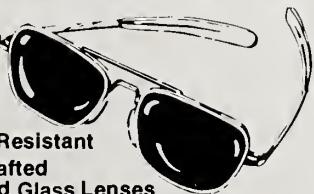
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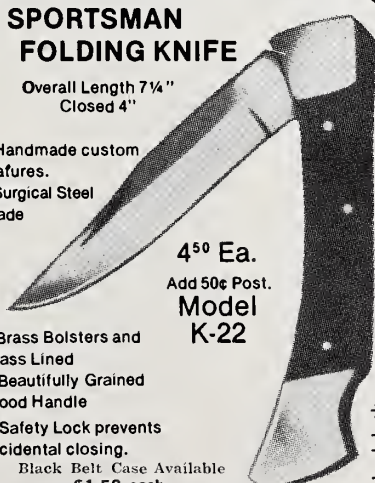
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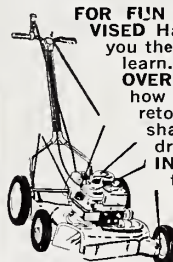
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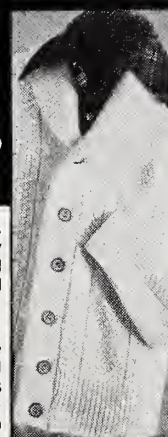
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## SOLID 3/4" BLACK WALNUT

# \$139.50\*

**FACTORY  
DIRECT SALE PRICE**

When purchased with  
movement, extra.

\$149.50 for case kit alone.

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### GET THE MOST FROM NUMBER ONE

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### MODEL 120-K IS A PLEASURE TO BUILD

Nothing matches the genuine pleasure you get from building your own Model 120-K grandfather clock... a beautiful and functional creation with an heirloom destiny. Emperor's kit makes it so easy. All kit pieces are accurately pre-cut from hand-matched solid 3/4" black walnut, kiln-dried to prevent warping and shrinking. Kit pieces are sanded smooth on both sides. All miters, mortises and tenons are pre-cut at no additional cost. (If you prefer, kits may be ordered unmitered for \$10.00 less.) Divided swan neck and finial, waist and dial face doors, dial frame and basefront are pre-assembled. Complete assembly instructions, screws, and all hardware included. No woodworking experience necessary. Each piece may be reordered separately.

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**MOVEMENTS CARRY A ONE-YEAR WARRANTY**

MODEL 120-K  
SOLID 3/4"  
BLACK WALNUT  
74" x 16 1/2" x 10"

### NO RISK! MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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|      | Model 120-K Solid 3/4" Black Walnut Do-It-Yourself Case Kit with Purchase of Either Movement (Priced Separately Below)    | 51  | \$199.50   | \$139.50 |           |
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| C   |       |   |       |   |       |   |       |   |       |    |        |    |    |    |
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